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"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and to his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and bless his name." Psalm 100:4.

We are going forward in a fine way under the leadership of our new pastor, Brother Otis D. Ashworth. We have installed a gas heating system in our church since he came. We covet your prayers.—Otis R. Smith, Juniper Grove Church.

God bless you and "The Record"; and God grant that we here in Louisiana may have a state paper equal to the make-up and content of "The Record."—W. C. Wood, Pastor, Ponchatoula Baptist church, Box 267, Ponchatoula, La.

Southside Baptist Church of Jackson is planning its first services in the newly erected building November 23, morning, afternoon and evening services. Baptismal services in the evening. The public has a cordial invitation. Southside had hoped to go into the new building the second Sunday in November, exactly two years from the time they went into the old building. But two weeks added to two years still makes a very, very short time. Our God is as great as we make Him. We cover the prayers of all the saints for only God knows the greatness of His work in this particular field.—Reporter.

Some totals for the Convention year just closed, as contained in the report of the auditor, are as follows:

Cooperative Program receipts	-----	\$133,221.77
Designated receipts	-----	\$197,085.56
Grand total receipts	-----	\$354,315.98
State mission receipts	-----	\$ 52,398.47
A saving of \$4,548.47 on The Baptist Record.		
Christian education receipts \$99,021.63.		

## THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION Walton E. Lee

When the hour for the opening of the one hundred and fifth session of the Baptist Convention of Mississippi arrived, which was Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 11, President R. B. Gunter was in the chair and called the body to order.

The Pastor's and Laymen's Conference, held just prior to the Convention, having drawn a large number to Meridian, the first session opened with the auditorium of the First Baptist Church practically full.

The secretary reported an enrollment of 327 messengers up to the opening hour, which was nearly one hundred more than were enrolled up to the opening hour last year.

Following the singing of a number of familiar songs, Bro. W. L. Meadows brought a helpful devotional message.

### Welcome Address

Bro. A. S. Bozeman, a leading attorney of this city, and a deacon of the host church, spoke earnest words of welcome to the Convention on behalf of the eight Baptist churches in the city, of the Chamber of Commerce and the city at large. These words were responded to by Allison Bell, an active layman of Tupelo.

### Appointment of Committees

The president appointed W. R. Hunter, Jas. B. Leavell, R. A. Morris, A. S. Johnston, G. E. Wiley, J. A. Barnhill and J. S. Riser, Jr., to compose the Committee on Committees.

This Committee after deliberation named the following committees to report on their respective duties later in the Convention:

On Review of the Education Commission's Re-

port—O. P. Estes, C. Z. Holland, W. L. Compere, E. L. Byrd, W. R. Cooper, G. C. Hodge.

On Review of the Convention Board's Report—W. L. Meadows, J. H. Street, J. D. Thompson, Claude B. Bowen, W. C. Howard, J. B. Smith, D. A. Hogan.

On Social Service—S. H. Jones, D. W. Moulder, B. T. Bishop, F. K. Horton, George Gay, George Causey, J. A. Stewart, B. W. Walker.

On Resolutions—A. B. Pierce, Ira D. Eavenson, L. G. Gates, S. G. Pope, S. E. Sumrall, L. E. Green.

### The Convention Sermon

Always a high hour in the Convention is the preaching of the annual sermon. This was done at this time by Bro. J. H. Street, basing the message on the 55th chapter of Isaiah.

Three truths were emphasized by Bro. Street: (1) Man is a long way from God and does not see as God sees; (2) God desires man to be brought

## THANKSGIVING

While the world is singing praises for the blessings of the year,  
For its providence and gladness, for the keeping and the cheer  
God has richly showered on us, I am thankful for them too;  
But I'm thanking Him for some things for which praises will be few.

I am thankful for the burdens that have forced me to my knees;  
I am thankful for the meanings that no fearless visions sees;  
I am thankful for the shadows that at times have crossed the plain  
And made sunshine seem the brighter when the sky was clear again.

I am thankful that the pathway had a rough place here and there.  
I am thankful for the lessons I have had in meeting care.  
Some are poorer for the lack of things desire would only flee.  
I am thankful that the love of God denied them not to me.

—Flynn.

into harmony with Himself; and (3) his harmony can be brought about only in God's way.

Bro. W. R. Cooper led in a closing prayer.

### First Day—Night Session

An inspiring song service, featured by a special number by a chorus of the host church, was engaged in, and Bro. W. A. Roper led in prayer.

Bequest Committee Report—In the absence of Bro. O. B. Taylor, appointed to make report for the Bequest Committee, the report was read by Secretary D. A. McCall. Commendary words were spoken of the work being done by Bro. Taylor in promoting the work of this committee. The people are being aroused as to their privilege of bequeathing their property to religious causes, and many of our institutions are now being aided by these bequests.

Missions—This session was given largely to a consideration of Foreign and Home Missions. Bro. J. D. Franks urged subscribing to The Commission and then introduced Dr. Geo. W. Sadler, representing the Foreign Mission Board, who addressed the Convention.

Bro. Franks read a letter from Dr. Jno. L. Lowe making an earnest plea for an offering to the sufferers in China and other warring countries. An offering was made amounting to \$226.23. In the absence of Bro. W. A. Hewitt, the state's representative on the Home Mission Board, who was to have presented the report, it was discussed without reading. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, in the Convention representing the Home Board, brought an inform-

"Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." Psalm 106:1.

The Convention reports should provide interesting reading for the 50,000 and more Baptist Record readers. Therefore, we are presenting as many of them as possible within the next two or three weeks. We think we never heard at any previous Convention as many fine and brief messages as at this Convention. State Missions certainly had a deserved place on the program. We thank the committee most heartily.

Sunday School and B. T. U. attendance did not appear in last week's issue. The printer phoned that the postmark showed they were mailed near the hour of 9 p. m. Tuesday. If you get them in our hands on time we will try to be prompt in relaying them.

Visitors are always welcome at the Orphanage. Any time you find it convenient to make a visit please do so.

At this Thanksgiving season we have many things for which we should be thankful. If you have received blessings from your Heavenly Father from whom all of our blessings come, why not share these blessings with others? Remember the children of the Baptist Orphanage.

The total overhead cost of the Now Club for the year was \$16,043.70, while the interest saved on the bonds called for the years 1943-47 is \$16,392. Now let someone tell us the net cost of the Now Club.

ing and inspiring message and closed the session with prayer.

### Second Day—Morning Session

The devotional period of this session was directed by Hillman College. The quartette of that institution rendered several special musical numbers, much to the delight of the few present. President M. P. L. Berry brought the devotional message in which emphasis was laid on present day moral conditions which make Christian training in our schools imperative.

Election of Officers—Dr. R. B. Gunter was unanimously elected to serve as president for the next two years, this in order to carry out the provisions of the new Constitution adopted last year.

Bros. M. P. L. Berry and J. H. Street were elected first and second vice presidents, respectively.

Walton E. Lee was re-elected recording secretary.

Social Service Report—The presentation of the report of the Committee on Social Service by Bro. S. H. Jones brought up for consideration the work of the different benevolent institutions in the state.

Bro. N. S. Jackson in discussing Temperance gave much information relative to the liquor and beer situation in the state and gave a word of warning because the liquor forces are planning to make a strenuous effort to repeal the prohibition law in the next meeting of the legislature. It was urged that all present bring every possible pressure to bear on their respective legislators to prevent their lining up with the liquor forces.

The work at the Orphanage was discussed by Bro. Mize, who was listened to with interest because of the deep concern in the institution he represents and because of their appreciation of the work he and Mrs. Mize are doing in that institution.

Bro. A. B. Pierce substituted for Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy, superintendent of the Baptist Hospital, in

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"O give thanks unto the Lord. Call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people." Psalm 105:1.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name." Psalm 103:1.



## A SERMON

By

A Layman—M. P. L. Berry

"Ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them." Malachi 3:7.

In a recent speech at the B. S. U. Convention in Jackson, Dr. John L. Hill made a statement which I could hardly believe at first, but which I am coming to realize is true. He said in substance, "Our South is rapidly becoming pagan, and we are already in the minority." He warned that "unless the tendency is checked the time will soon come when people will disregard Christian ideals." That is a startling statement about a nation which has as a motto, "In God we trust."

I had thought of pagans as living in foreign countries and as being worshippers of idols made of wood and stone. I think of the South as being nearer 100% Christian than any other section in the world—and of Mississippi as being the best part of the South. We have a great nation and we are the most fortunate people of all times, and have much for which to be grateful, but times are rapidly changing and there are worldly tendencies which are alarming.

Liquor laws have been repealed—or they are being ignored. Drunkenness is common. Divorce courts are busy. Familiarity between the sexes is robbing woman of her modesty and lowering the morality of our youth. If we love pleasure, or riches, or fame more than we love God, we are like pagans and we are breaking the first commandment, which reads—"Thou shalt have no other gods before me." We must check these tendencies and never let the time come when people will disregard Christian ideals. I am suggesting that we look for some of the causes of these evils and see if we can suggest some remedies.

I. One cause is the first World War. Many of our soldier boys came home with worldly ideas and low principles, and our country has not been the same since.

II. The second cause, I would say, is the present trend in education. There has been a decrease in the number of Christian colleges. Baptists and other denominations in these and surrounding states have seen numbers of denominational colleges die for the lack of support.

Many leading Baptist people are sending their children to colleges where little attention is paid to the moral and spiritual life of the students.

Some "so-called" Christian colleges, in trying to build up enrollments have gone modern and students are allowed to smoke, to have dances, go car riding at night and to come in at late hours.

There are institutions of learning right in our own southland where moral conditions are alarming. Some of our Mississippi boys and girls are being taught by professors who sneer at Christianity.

Family worship is neglected in the home. Children are allowed to grow up without proper religious influences and there is a sad lack of Christian training on every hand.

Cause III. As strange as it may seem, I believe the recent progress in science is another cause for the worldly tendencies. The very thing that should have made us humble has had the opposite effect on many people and has made them feel independent.

We need to come to the realization that in all this marvelous development we are simply learning to use the laws of nature, which are laws of God. Great scientists have discovered some of God's truths and have been given credit for making the laws. Sir Isaac Newton, in trying to find out why an apple falls, discovered a law of nature which had been in effect since creation. Newton stated some principles and they are called Newton's Laws of Motion. They are not Newton's laws—they are God's laws. The same is true of Charles's Law and Boyle's Law, and many others. Science is not in conflict with the Bible. Every principle in it is in absolute harmony with God's laws and God's plans. Every fact we learn should increase our faith.

There have been more inventions in the last hundred years than in all the rest of the history of the world together. A hundred years ago there were no telephones, no telegraph lines and no electric lights. Fifty years ago there were no automo-

biles or airplanes. Movies and radios have come almost entirely in this generation. Man is accomplishing things with electricity and in medical science which seem almost miraculous. In this machine age he has been able to perform such wonders that many have come to put faith in their own accomplishments and have tried to disprove the existence of a divine being.

We have enumerated some causes—now—What can we do to remedy the situation?

Let's make some comparisons between the works of man and the works of God and see if it will not give us more faith in our Creator.

If you should drive your car 100 miles an hour, you would probably have to hold on for dear life and you would be a public menace. But as you sit quietly here this morning, you are calmly rotating with the earth at the rate of 1000 miles an hour. The earth is over 24,000 miles in circumference and it turns over every 24 hours.

That may sound like a rapid pace but that is only a starter. The sun is 93,000,000 miles from us and the earth revolves around it once every 365 days. In order to make that great distance, we are traveling through space at the rate of over 66,000 miles an hour. Other planets are revolving around the same sun at various speeds and all move in perfect harmony. Several of them are many times as large as the earth and one is as far as 2,800,000,000 miles from the sun.

These references are to our solar system which, as immense as it seems, is only a drop in the bucket when we consider the other systems in our universe.

\* The distance to the North Star is beyond our ability to conceive. They tell us that light travels at the tremendous rate of 186,000 miles per second. That is a greater distance than seven times around the earth at the equator. If we can imagine something going around the earth seven times in one second we would have an idea about how fast light travels. Still at that inconceivable speed they tell us the distance to the North Star is so great that it takes 406 years for light to get to us from it. Yet there are stars on out in space so far beyond the North Star that it staggers the imagination. David said, "When I consider the heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained, What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man that thou visitest him?"

"The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handiwork." God is the Creator of all things. Man has never created anything. Man can't create or destroy. Man can burn a house, but he can't destroy the elements of which the building material is composed. There is just as much carbon, oxygen, hydrogen and other elements in existence as before the fire.

Man can take dynamite and blast mighty rocks into dust, but there is just as much silicon and iron in existence as before. How helpless is man in comparison with his Creator. Man can take iron and copper and aluminum and other materials which God has created for his use and build a beautiful automobile, a giant ship and machines which are marvels of engineering skill, but how crude they are in comparison with the works of our Creator.

God makes suns, moons, and planets and sets them in endless motion. Man's machines have to stop for repairs, for oil and for fuel. Trains get late and planes are dependent on weather, but God's creation moves with such accuracy that the exact time of an eclipse can be foretold to the second, years in advance.

When we consider the heavens the work of His hands—how can anyone doubt the power of God? All creation from the tiniest insect with all the functions of its body—to the greatest sun in the heavens moving through space in perfect harmony with all other heavenly bodies—proclaim that there is an almighty God controlling all.

The next remedy I would suggest deals with teaching. Since the time of Francis Bacon, we have been taught that "Knowledge is Power." That is a true statement, but we should not stop there. Knowledge is power, but without character behind it, knowledge is the most dangerous thing in the world. A Dillinger or a Capone might have knowledge and still be a gangster. A Leopold or a Loeb

## Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

## "CATCH THEM BEFORE THEY FALL"

Several times a year I discover men and women who have been regular in church attendance who become irregular. There is always a cause or an excuse for this. The habit I have of scanning the face of the congregation every Sunday enables me to note the absence of these regulars. I make it a rule to find out after a couple of Sundays why they are not there. In other words, I make an effort to contact them before they drop out. If they stay away a month or two it is hard to get them back.

It is very important that we convince our people individually that it is important to us that they be at church.

—BR—

Dr. P. I. Lipsey

Jackson

Mississippi

Dear Doctor Lipsey:

I went back to see you this morning, but you had gone. I intended writing, however, anyhow to say that we shall be glad to have anything from your pen you may care to write within the next few weeks. In particular, I thought you might like to write an editorial for next week's Record, covering some reflections from the Convention.

Blessings upon you.

Yours in Service,

D. A. McCALL.

—BR—

The pastor is still the key who unlocks the doors and hearts of his people to a great extent. The trustees, management and children of the Orphanage are counting on him to lead his people in making a worthwhile offering at this Thanksgiving season for the support of the many children who have been committed to the care of Mississippi Baptists for food, clothing, education and Christian training.

Convention messengers heard with regret of the illness of Dr. T. M. Fleming, one of our host pastors.

might have knowledge and still be a murderer. An educated crook is more dangerous than an ignorant crook. Some of our young people would be better off to grow up in ignorance rather than to be well educated and have wrong ideals and low principles. The Germans have been considered the best educated people in the world, but they have left God out of their training and Germany has turned out to be a nation of barbarians. Education is all right if we give God the proper place. It may be all wrong if He is not magnified. A well rounded education must not stop with the mental and the physical. It must include the moral and spiritual. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

The last remedy I would suggest for the tendency to worldliness is to improve our daily living, and to live in such a way that we will point others to Him.

Some of us do not find an opportunity to talk to those who are going astray. We may be timid, but we should remember that actions speak louder than words. "By their works ye shall know them." Some of us may give Sunday to the Lord and let the devil have the other six days. Is your life telling for Jesus? We have fallen far short of what we should have done, but let us begin today to give Him more of our time, our talents and our influence and let us claim the promise given us in II Chronicles 7:14:

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

May we renew our loyalty and our devotion to our Master and may we work with stronger purpose to crown Him King of kings and Lord of lords.



### THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION (Continued from Page One)

the discussion of the work of that great institution.

The report of the hospital shows 6,661 patients admitted during the past year, 629 births and 186 deaths; 4875 operations were performed. The hospital was filled to capacity nearly every day during the year. 123 children from the various orphanages in Jackson were cared for at a cost of \$1071.65. The free work of the hospital during the past year amounted to \$85,806.68.

**Pastoral Help**—Bro. J. R. G. Hewlett brought an interesting message on Pastoral Support in which he listed a number of places in the state, particularly in the Delta, where supplements on pastoral support had been made by the Convention Board. Profitable returns were shown on these investments.

**The Baptist Record**—Bros. Lipsey and Goodrich gave the report on The Baptist Record. The Convention Board in session on yesterday accepted the resignation of Dr. Lipsey recently tendered and and the Convention today adopted resolutions expressing deep appreciation of the faithful services of Bro. Lipsey during his long tenure as Editor of The Baptist Record. His successor will be elected by the Convention Board which meets the middle of December. Until that time the issuing of the paper will be under the direction of Secretary D. A. McCall.

#### Second Day—Afternoon Session

Bro. L. J. Crumby opened this session with a devotional message based on I Peter, second chapter—"Christ the Cornerstone."

**Miscellaneous Reports**—The following agencies of the Convention Board made report in this session: (1) Baptist Student Union work was reported on by Bro. C. S. Moulder, B. S. U. secretary at Mississippi Southern College in Hattiesburg. (2) Baptist Training Union was discussed by Bro. Auber J. Wilds, long secretary of this work in the state. (3) Bro. Harry Smallwood of Laurel discussed the Brotherhood work of which he is a leader and a most efficient supporter.

(4) Bro. E. C. Williams, the secretary of Sunday school work in the State, discussed the work, presenting to the Convention his two assistants, Bro. Jno. A. Farmer and Miss Carolyn Madison. Following the message of Bro. Williams, a splendid address on Christian Education was made by Bro. Clifton J. Allen, in the Convention as a representative of the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

**Christian Education**—Mississippi College making report to the Convention through Bro. Howard Spell, the new teacher of Bible in the College, stated that the enrollment of students, it is thought, will compare favorably this session with that of last session notwithstanding the draft that has been made on the young men for military training. That a fine spirit prevails and a good session is in progress.

The sixty-ninth annual session of Blue Mountain College is off to an auspicious beginning with students enrolled from most of the counties of Mississippi, from twenty states and two foreign countries, according to a report by President L. T. Lowrey. When the time is propitious a campaign will be launched to increase the Endowment of Blue Mountain College that the work of this great Institution may be carried on in a more effective way.

The young women from Blue Mountain College added much to the pleasure of this Convention by their messages in song.

**Woman's Work**—The consideration of the work by the women at this time was a high hour in the Convention. Miss Fannie Traylor presented the report and Mrs. Ned Rice, the state president addressed the convention.

According to the report, \$13,000.00 have been contributed by the women in the state to Home Missions this year and when all amounts are in the contributions to state missions will be the largest in the history of the Union. More than \$17,000.00 were contributed to Foreign Missions. The training of the young people has had a large part in the activities of the women.

**Evangelism**—The two evangelists in the employ of the Convention Board, Bro. Otis Perry and Bro.

E. D. Estes, discussed the work being done in the state in evangelism. Bro. Perry spoke on the "Accomplishments" and Bro. Estes of the "Needs."

**Camp Work**—Geo. A. Ritchie, an officer in Camp Shelby, was introduced to the Convention and brought an informing message concerning the religious activities in the camps. Bro. Paul Cooper, a chaplain in Camp Shelby, also spoke interestingly, relating some of his experiences among the soldiers. Both of these men are Mississippians and products of Mississippi College. An offering was taken for this work, amounting to \$97.00.

Bro. D. A. McCall at this time brought his annual message on Missions. He is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the work being done by the Convention Board and speaks always "with authority." His report to the Convention this year shows marked progress in every way—a large increase in the number of baptisms and in contributions. The address tonight went out "on the air" and it is hoped that many out over the state were "listening in."

#### Third Day—Morning Session

The messengers evidenced their interest in the work by staying in goodly numbers "to the end." Some thinning "in the ranks" but not much. In this last session a number of important matters were crowded in but disposed of in a satisfactory way.

The three theological seminaries remained of the institutions to be reported on and each of these—the Bible Institute in New Orleans; the Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas, and the Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.—had a representative in the Convention to report on their work.

**Woman's College Matter Reopened**—The matter of a disagreement between the trustees of Woman's College and the Education Commission over a part of the auditor's report "aired" earlier in the Convention was reopened and a "lively" discussion followed. It was disposed of by the appointment of a committee of investigation composed of nine—three to be named by the trustees of the Woman's College; three by the Education Commission and three by the Convention at large. The finding of the committee is to be final.

The Next Meeting—First Church, Jackson, was named as the next meeting place, one week later than this year. Bro. J. A. Barnhill, Hattiesburg, was appointed to preach the annual sermon with Bro. W. R. Hunter, McComb, as alternate.

It was in reality a good Convention, with ideal weather, a large attendance and a fine Christian spirit.

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#### REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT E. C. Williams, Secretary

God has been gracious to us this year. Because of His goodness in giving us the opportunity, means, grace, and strength, we are happy in the privilege of giving to you the best report we have yet made. While it is true that for the last few years each year has shown an increase in every part of our work over the previous year, except one item one year, yet the year now closing not only gives an increase to very point over last year, but in some items has reached heights not even closely approached before. For all these we are deeply grateful to our Lord.

We began the year with a one-day meeting in each association in the state. These gave helpful contacts with hundreds of our officers and teachers. Definite goals were set and plans made for reaching them. The results have been good. These meetings were made possible through the aid and cooperation of the Sunday School Board, pastors, superintendents, teachers, and others of our own state.

With two and one-half months yet to go this year, we now have 46 standard Sunday Schools, as against the previous all-high record of 35 made some years ago. We have this year more standard departments and classes than ever; a splendid increase in Sunday School training awards; 50 new Extension departments have been organized; free literature has gone from the Sunday School Board to 90 new Sunday Schools, many of which are mission schools promoted by various churches; a most encouraging number of new Cradle-Roll departments have been organized; scores of new classes and many new departments have gone into opera-

#### A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION

Tune: Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

O hark ye Southern Baptists,  
And heed our rally cry.  
O lift your heart's devotion  
To God who reigns on high.  
Be this our inspiration,  
The goal for which we strive—  
"Debtless denomination  
By 1945."

O come, ye loyal Baptists,  
And heed God's loving voice.  
Through sacrificial giving  
Make heaven and earth rejoice.  
May all, as loyal stewards,  
Be faithful found and true.  
Bring tithers into His storehouse,  
And bring our offerings too.

Remember, all ye people,  
The debt of love we owe  
To Him who died to save us  
Because He loved us so.  
Let's pay the debt we owe Him,  
Our gratitude to prove,  
That all the world may know Him  
And share His saving love.

Come join our happy chorus,  
As hopefully we sing.  
To bring a day victorious  
Let this glad slogan ring;  
Be this our inspiration,  
The goal for which we strive—  
"Debtless denomination  
By 1945."

Mrs. C. C. Pugh, Alabama

Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

—BR—

#### PONCHATOULA BAPTIST CHURCH

Autumn revival services were held in Ponchatoula Baptist Church, Oct. 29 through Nov. 9. Pastor did the preaching. Rev. R. K. Corder, pastor First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Miss., directed the music. Bro. Corder is an able and a worthy director of music. He keeps the congregation joyfully singing the hymns and gospel songs of Zion. He gets nearly 100% congregational participation, and this without "whooping it up," or amateur comedy. He led us to magnify Christ in song.

There were 28 additions to the church during revival services.

At the last service, Sunday night, there was no sermon. Two hymns were sung and the invitation given. Six answered. Baptismal services for 18 followed. The Lord's Supper was then observed, followed by giving of right hand of fellowship.

—Thirty-four B. T. U. study course awards distributed Nov. 2. Repairs and painting of church building progressing. The "Message" will be put in budget.

W. C. WOOD, Pastor.

—BR—

Mrs. Dicey A. Beavers was born June, 1837. Died, Nov. 1, 1941. She was one hundred and four years old. She was the mother of 15 children, was a good Christian woman. Mrs. Beavers was buried in the old Zion Hill Cemetery. I was assisted in the service by Rev. Thomas Clark.—D. W. Moulder.

**The Orphanage assisted with the care and support of some 218 boys and girls during the year. There were 72 new children admitted, an average of six new children each month.**

tion, with the result that hundreds of new people are being reached for Bible teaching.

The greatest number of Vacation Bible Schools have been held this year that we have ever had. A most encouraging feature of this part of our program is the fact that for the first time we have received one or more Vacation school reports from every association in the state.

All in all, it has been a great and glorious year with the Sunday School work. Through the faithful teaching of the Word by faithful teachers many have been won to the Lord and many others have been led to deeper experiences in the Lord. To Him be the glory.

We of the Sunday school department thank you for the privilege of serving.



# EDITORIALS

## MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SURVEY An Interesting Study

Several weeks ago, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board sent a questionnaire to the Board member in each association. Today replies have been received from twenty-three. The aim of the questionnaire was to make a survey of the needs in each association, a total of twenty-five questions being asked.

The form of the questionnaire was as follows through the eighth question: (1) What is the population of your association? (2) How many unchurched people ten years of age and above? (3) List number of members of various religious groups. (4) How many Baptist churches? (5) How many affiliated Baptist church members? (6) How many full time Baptist churches? (7) How many part time Baptist churches? — Quarterly — Half time — Others, afternoon or week night — (8) How many of these part time churches do you figure might be full time —

Beginning with the 9th question we list some replies as follows:

**Question:** "What are some of the reasons for part time churches?"

**Answers:** "Small memberships, weak financially"; "The church cannot afford half or full time"; "Small communities; beginning work in recent years"; "Some are not financially able—others are unwilling to make the venture—others prefer part time"; "Not sufficient financial support"; "Lack of financial strength principally"; "Lack of stewardship programs"; "Lack of aggressive leadership upon part of pastors; lack of vision upon part of laymen and women; strong full time fields should be formed by uniting four half and quarter time churches"; "Lack of pastoral support"; "Small membership; not enough finances"; "Most all these churches need to tithe, if so all could be full time and double the mission offering"; "Small membership; lack of money to support the pastors; lack of vision; sad lack of pastoral leadership"; "Lack of the right brand of Christian religion"; "Poverty (material and spiritual), tradition, lack of leadership"; "Funds to support more time"; "Deficiency in leadership, and neglect in preaching the doctrine of stewardship, failure to understand the budget system and failure to make the every member canvass of the churches with the view to operating the budget and certainly the pastor's failure to preach the doctrine of missions and lead the members to become more missionary minded. There is certainly great need for the full time and half time pastors in associations to be more sympathetic and co-operative with our State Board Program"; "An effort on the part of the pastors to serve too many churches"; "Farming conditions; no program, no 'God's Storehouse,' no preachers (they all want city pastorates, seminaries are not training country preachers or people, indifference"; "They are all village and country churches and are not able to pay a pastor for full time, but some would have a half time if they were cultivated just right"; "Some of the churches are not financially able to pay for full time"; "Pastors and laymen satisfied with present arrangements, sympathy with union church idea, willingness on part of pastors and laymen to use churches as a social club"; "Very small membership—and poorly developed—very poor roads in those sections."

**Question 10:** "How many churchless areas do you have? (Areas where people live but with no Baptist church in convenience distance.)"

**Answers:** "None"; "Several"; "Two"; "None"; "Eight"; "A Baptist church in Delta section of that County"; "But few people who are not in reach of Missionary Baptist Church"; "One"; "Three"; "A Baptist church within four miles of any person in this county"; "Three"; "Three, or maybe four"; "Not so many"; "Five or six"; "None that I know about"; "Not any; all people in county could go to church if they would"; "Five"; "None"; "Five";

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## WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT BROTHERHOOD SECRETARY?

By Norman W. Cox

Our Convention last week in response to strong urging from many who are deeply interested in securing a full time Brotherhood secretary to serve the interest of promoting men's brotherhoods in our churches voted the appointment of a committee of seven to study this question and to make recommendations regarding it to the December meeting of the State Board. The following Committee was given this responsibility: Norman W. Cox, Meridian, chairman; Harry Smallwood, Laurel; C. Z. Holland, Canton; Dr. I. B. Seale, Holly Springs; James B. Leavell, Leland; Owen Cooper, Jackson and R. K. Corder of Philadelphia.

This Committee will take its work seriously. They will meet in Jackson about a week before the meeting of the State Board.

Before the Committee meets the chairman feels that the Baptists of Mississippi should be given an opportunity to express themselves in this vital subject. Therefore, this is written to afford them this opportunity and to plead with them that they do express themselves. The chairman wants every Baptist who will to write him a letter telling him exactly what he thinks about this question.

The chairman approaches the consideration of the question on the presumption that it is desirable to have a secretary if one can be had without doing hurt which should not be inflicted upon other obligations of Mississippi Baptists. Therefore, those who write him should write him bearing in mind certain specific questions which should affect, in the judgment of the chairman, the answers to the question, Shall we have a brotherhood secretary?

These questions are as follows:

What will be the financial cost? We have heard that salary, traveling expense, and essential postage, printing, etc., will make the minimum cost to be about \$3,000.00 per year. It may be that figure or a little more or a little less.

From what source will the salary of the secretary and the expense of the office be obtained? It cannot come from the Now Club or other designated receipts. It is obvious that it can only come from the cooperative program receipts.

If it must come from the cooperative program receipts should this be added cost be taken out of the whole sum before the distribution is made to southwide and state causes? If it comes out of the general receipts before distribution is made, then the cost of the office will be a tax upon all the interests of our Baptist work which are supported by the cooperative program.

If it comes out of the percentage for work in Mississippi then it will be borne by Mississippi agencies and institutions. All of which are undernourished now.

Can we have a Brotherhood secretary and a B. S. U. secretary? The B. S. U. secretary cost will be approximately \$3,000.00.

If we must choose between a Brotherhood secretary and a B. S. U. secretary this next year, which should we choose? We bring in the matter of the B. S. U. secretary because a similar action was taken by the convention looking towards the creation of that office.

The chairman wants the Baptists of Mississippi to have what they want when they have thought of the matter in relationship to all our needs and general situation. He is trying to approach the consideration of this matter with an open mind and with only a desire to serve the larger interest of Christ's cause. Therefore, he intreats the pastors of the state, the Baptist laymen in the state, both men and women, to write him their personal answer to the question, shall we have a brotherhood secretary?

Please do so in view of the above stated questions. Give it prayerful consideration. Please write without delay. We must have your letter not later than November 28. If you want a Brotherhood secretary in view of the above, say so. If you think we should not get a secretary now in view of the above, say so. Please write me, Norman W. Cox, Post Office Box 508, Meridian, Mississippi.

## THE GOSPEL AT WORK IN SPAIN

(Foreign Mission Board)—Many Southern Baptists will recall that at the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in 1939, Pastor Samuel Vila responded for his Spanish brethren to the roll call of the nations. Soon after he returned from Atlanta his church was closed by order of the national government. The following report from him is evidence of his activity and the success that is attending the preaching of the gospel:

"Although we cannot preach the gospel in prisons, religious services being entrusted only to priests of the Roman Catholic Church, God is using some imprisoned Christians for bringing unto conversion some atheists, and we like to help in this work by correspondence as far as we can. We have some instances coming from several places. I am sure you will be interested by reading the following specimen testimonies:

(From Prison Modelo, in Barcelona): 'Dear Sir: I received your welcome letter and I beg you please accept my hearty thanks for your kind attention to writing to me. I hope it will not be the last time, provided that my friend Mr. C. told me you can, better than anybody, guide me on the way of God this poor soul which in past times went to much stranded on this world of men false, vicious, and corruptors. But thanks to my friend Mr. C. who has become an intimate friend of mine since a year ago, I have found true happiness. He was able to lead me on a new way, a way of love unto Him who is our Heavenly Father. A New Testament which I got through him has taught me to forgive all men which I hated before, and has made be appreciate to the uttermost two glorious things of the world to come. I find now a special delight on the reading of the Psalms during the long hours of inactivity in this place. The day when God will grant me the long desired liberty I hope to attend Baptist religious services in order to perfect myself in the faith of Jesus, in which I am just new born.' —J.T.R. (a young man 28 years old).

"(To Mrs. Vila, from a prison for women): 'I am joyful to tell you that I have got a new soul for our precious Saviours, here as my residence in Gerona. You know that God gave me one also in Valencia; she is a young lady who after recovering her liberty visited Baptist Christians in that town and she is waiting for being baptized. But when I had been here for six months, I said: "My God, what is wrong in me that I have been here so long and no one of my companions has been brought unto Thy light through my humble witness?" One day I was singing that precious hymn: "The Cause Is Thine, Almighty God," when a companion touched me on the shoulder and told me: "I have this tune before." Really she had heard something of the gospel long years before, so I had an opportunity to exhort her to believe and to obey it; but she was now an infidel and paid little attention to my words; yet I continued in prayer for her, until she was called of God by a dream which gave her the conviction of sin. From that moment it was easy to lead her to the cross of Jesus for salvation. She only doubted for two or three days; she objected, "Salvation is too easy as Jesus offers it," but she understood and accepted it with joy. Now she has left the intimacy with those companions who like worldish and impious conversations and seeks my companionship at every moment.'"

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## EVANGELISM

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### I. Invitation

Eph. 5:14. "Wherefore he saith, awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

Luke 14:23. "And the Lord said unto the servant, go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

### II. All In Sin

Psa. 51:5. "Behold I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."

Eph. 2:3. "And were by nature the children of wrath, even as others."

Gen. 6:5. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart were only evil continually."

Rom. 3:23. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

### III. Condemned

Jno. 3:18. "He that believeth on him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Ezek. 18:20. "The soul that sinneth it shall die. Rom. 6:23. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Psa. 9:17. "The wicked shall be turned into Hell and all the nations that forget God."

Matt. 25:45. "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal."

Luke 16:23. "And in hell he lifted up his eyes."

### IV. The One Way

Ezek. 33:11. "As I live, saith the Lord God. I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways, for why will ye die?"

Isa. 53:5-6. "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes ye are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

I. Peter 2:24. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness, by whose stripes ye are healed."

Jno. 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that he he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Acts 17:30. "God commanded all men everywhere to repent."

Luke 13:5. "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish."

Gal. 3:26. "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

Heb. 9:22. "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."

I. Jno. 1:17. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

### V. Eternal Life

Jno. 10:28. "And I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

Jno. 14:1-3. "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also."

Jno. 5:24. "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

CIRCULATION THIS WEEK 24,505

Report of The

BAPTIST RECORD CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

A. L. Goodrich, Circulation Manager

### The Circulation

The Circulation Department of The Baptist Record is happy to report that the EVERY FAMILY plan continues to grow in numbers and in favor with churches, pastors and people throughout Mississippi.

The total circulation for last week (the first week in November, 1941), was 24,005. The circulation for the same week in 1940 was 19,350. This indicates an increase of 4,655 for the year or an increase of 20,004 since January 1, 1935, when the present campaign began. The circulation was then 4,001. To the loyal friends of The Record and the work we have tried to do, we say with all it means, "We thank you for your cooperation."

The circulation department makes no claim for this gratifying increase. The credit belongs to:

1. Most of the pastors throughout the state. Many have led their churches to adopt the EVERY FAMILY plan, some with and some without any help from the circulation manager. Others, due to peculiar conditions, unable to have the EVERY FAMILY plan have secured clubs of subscribers as well as aiding us in taking care of the renewals.

2. Many good men and women over the state have aided us in getting their churches to adopt the EVERY FAMILY plan. Others have secured clubs of subscriptions in varying numbers. Some have even paid for the EVERY FAMILY plan (several pastors do likewise) so great is their faith in the value of The Record.

3. A third aid in this greatly enlarged circulation is the patient, persistent promotion of the EVERY FAMILY plan. It is the plan that has produced results—not the promoter.

### The Results of Economy

Beginning in May a cheaper quality of paper has been used. The new printing contract was awarded because a new low bid was submitted.

The auditor has just handed us a few figures on the past year's operations. They are as follows (copied verbatim):

Deficit for last year on Baptist Record — \$4,548.47  
Editor's salary ————— 3,000.00

\$7,548.47

Deficit this year including editor's salary \$3,243.57

IMPROVEMENT OVER LAST YEAR ——— \$4,304.90

As the new contract for paper and printing only ran for the last six months of the Convention year it is estimated that for twelve months the saving would amount to twice the above figures or a total of \$8,609.80. Deduct from this amount last year's deficit plus the editor's salary (\$7,548.47) and you have an estimated surplus of \$1,061.33. By way of explanation, it is only fair to state that until this year the editor's salary has been charged to the Cooperative Program and not to The Record. Had that been done this year the deficit would have been a mere \$243.57.

### How to Increase Mission Funds

By holding our present circulation of 24,000 we feel that next year will show a small surplus. BUT there are still many Baptists in Mississippi who do not get The Record. We estimate that we now reach one-third of the Baptist homes of Mississippi. Surely from the other two-thirds we should get six thousand (6,000) subscribers. This is not an impossible task if pastors, deacons, and other leaders, both men and women will give just a little help.

Based on present prices a circulation of 30,000 should easily yield an additional profit of \$3,600.00 within twelve months. This estimated profit is

based on the fact that extra copies of The Record above 20,000 cost less than the first 20,000. But a word of caution. The price of paper has already increased \$14.00 per ton or about twenty per cent and further rises are likely.

### Recommendations

1. That pastors TRY to lead their churches to adopt the EVERY FAMILY plan. Over a period of five years it has been tried all over Mississippi in large, little, live, dead, rich and poor churches. Not one pastor has found it a failure.

2. If unable to install the EVERY FAMILY plan pastors and others are urged to try some plan. A poor plan is better than no plan at all.

3. That each pastor without the EVERY FAMILY plan set as a minimum goal a club of ten subscribers. If just half the churches without the EVERY FAMILY plan will send in ten or more subscriptions the goal of 30,000 will be reached and that right soon. Thirty thousand circulation means mission money in the bank. That is one way to help increase our mission money.

### Christmas Every Week

During the Christmas season many people send The Baptist Record to their friends as a Christmas gift. This is a wise thing to do. It not only brings joy one time but every week of the year. Few presents last as long or cause the pleasure that a year's subscription to The Record will bring.

Upon request we will send a Christmas card to the fortunate person. You send the name and money and The Baptist Record will send the card.

### Such Popularity Must Be Deserved

Among the many churches sending in EVERY FAMILY lists we note the following:

First Issaquena, E. Y. Soileau, Pastor; Corinth, Jasper County, L. R. Massey; Bruce, L. F. Haire; Richland, Rankin, G. M. Harbin; Center Ridge, Clarke, Johnnie Morgan; Woodville, T. J. DeLaughter; Roseland Park, Pearl River, J. N. Holloway; Boyle, Haynes Brinkley; Smithville, K. Z. Stevens; Raymond, R. L. Wallace; East Moss Point, Montie Davis; Hurricane, Pontotoc, Frank Cox.

### Uncle Sam's Men Need The Record

Many churches are sending The Record to their members who are in the Military Service. It is a good way to tie them to the church.

### West Side Natchez

This good church recently revised its EVERY FAMILY list, and they revised it upward. They now have 93.

### Bruce, Calhoun County

Pastor L. F. Haire wrote as follows: "Church yesterday adopted the EVERY FAMILY plan until January 1, 1942." (They will like it so well that after the trial period it will become a permanent policy.—A. L. G.)

### It Pays, And How

The following paragraph, taken from the Western Recorder is additional proof that the budget plan of circulation of the State Baptist paper pays:

"That the Western Recorder is a good investment for the churches the following facts will indicate beyond question. There are sixty-four of our Kentucky churches with the paper in their budgets at this time. The average membership in these budget churches is 359. The average gift for local expenses in these churches was \$11.71 in 1940 as against \$5.63 for all the churches. The average gift per capita in the budget churches for missions and benevolences was \$3.16 in 1940, as against \$1.15 for all churches in Kentucky. Thus it will be observed that if all of our churches had met the average gift for missions as the churches which send the Western Recorder into the homes of their people, Kentucky Baptists would have given more than one million dollars in 1940, whereas we only gave \$460,000. It will be seen from the list of churches published elsewhere that they do not represent any one classification, but are city, village and country churches, predominantly country churches."

The Baptist Record is producing similar results (Continued on Page Seven)



# MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SURVEY

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"None"; "About Seven"; "Fifteen"; "Four." Total—48.

**Question 11:** "What help is needed from Mississippi Baptists to get such churches started?"

**Answers:** "None"; "I think if the preacher could get just a little help from the Board"; "Survey of needs"; "Evangelistic leadership and financial support"; "I do not see the need of any such help"; "None now—I think we can manage the situation"; "An efficiently organized and managed associational mission program—at least a part time associational missionary"; "A full time worker"; "These places must be considered mission points. The people are all transient or itinerant"; "A worker"; "Perhaps evangelistic meetings"; "A real promotion man who knows and loves country people"; "None"; "Mission Sunday schools"; "Four additional missionaries (now have two half time missionaries), \$5,000.00 for building aid. This would be needed for a period of at least five years"; "If one of our evangelistic parties could go into section with a tent, work might be established."

**Question 12:** "How many churches receive pastoral aid?"

**Answers:** "Three"; "Three"; "None that I know of"; "One I think"; "None"; "None that I know of"; "None"; "None"; "Eight"; "None"; "None"; "Perhaps two"; "None"; "None"; "One"; "None, churches need to be shown their possibilities and their opportunities"; "None"; "None"; "None"; "None"; "Two one-half time missionaries"; "One."

**Comment:** Mississippi Baptists are aiding seventy churches in the program of preaching the gospel through State Missions in every section of the State for 1941.

**Question 13:** "How many other church need pastoral aid?"

**Answers:** "Three"; "Ten"; "None"; "None that I know of"; "Four"; "None"; "None"; "None"; "Six"; "None"; "None"; "None"; "Four-Five"; "Six-Eight"; "None"; "None"; "None"; "Twelve"; "Three"; "Seven"; "Three." Total—59.

**Question 14:** "How many churches receive building aid?"

**Comment:** The answers are given. Through State Missions Mississippi Baptists are this year, 1941, aiding in the erection of 36 houses of worship.

**Question 15:** "How many other churches need this aid?"

**Comment:** Various answers are given from none and one up.

**Question 15: (b)** "Are any churches receiving any sort of aid that do not deserve it?"

**Comment:** The answer is almost without exception "No."

**Question 16:** "What defense or government projects do you have in association?" (Give name, nature, number persons and family, location, etc. List such as camps, homestead projects, housing projects.)

**Comment:** Various associations have various answers, given according to the local situation.

**Question 17:** "What help might Mississippi Baptists render these projects?"

**Comment:** Answers such as evangelistic leadership, camp pastors, building for a meeting place, church located near the camp, transportation, etc. "Donate about 50% on a house or chapel to meet in. That is the greatest need. If they just had a shell to get into out of the weather, they can finish the building."

**Question 18:** "What church or churchless fields present and prospective do you consider permanent State Mission fields?"

**Answers:** "Small churches in these associations"; "None"; "Delta area"; "The air base work, as this camp is to be a permanent training base, even in peace times"; "None of these would be permanent mission fields, but would soon be on their own"; "Three"; "None, provided an evangelistic, sympathetic, and capable leadership may be developed"; "One"; "Every place mentioned could be developed into self-sustaining churches"; "None—but one or two would need help for 5-10 years."

**Question 19:** "Which of the church or churchless

fields do you consider only temporary State Mission fields?"

**Answers:** "None"; "Dam site"; "None"; "The three churchless fields referred to above"; "They should be self-sustaining in a few years"; "All of them"; "None"; "All of them"; "One"; "All"; "None"; "All are temporary mission fields that could be developed into self-sustaining churches"; "Those listed."

**Question 20:** "Does your association need a full-time missionary, evangelist, or enlistment man? Which? Or, does it need a part time man?"

**Answers:** "Need local pastor for small churches"; "Yes, missionary"; "Not necessary as pastors and churches are sufficient"; "Yes, evangelist"; "Since our churches are pretty well manned with pastors, I hardly think we would need such a man"; "No"; "No"; "I think so—a combination man in all three"; "Part time would be better than none at all. Could well use full time man in addition to camp pastor"; "One full time missionary and evangelist"; "All three in one"; "Part time missionary"; "Yes, our enlistment man"; "I would suggest a part time enlistment man"; "Yes, a combination of these"; "Full time missionary"; "I do not think it does"; "Yes, an evangelist"; "Four full time missionaries and \$5,000.00 for building aid"; "No, pastoral aid would cost less and do the work."

**Question 21:** "What as to the traits and capabilities of the man needed?"

**Answer:** "Man with courage, and vision to enable him to serve country churches with small remuneration"; "We need a man in our association who loves the Lord and the mission that we have and will work with the Baptist Board"; "Called of God, lover of the lost"; "Well educated, cultured, spiritual"; "Should be able to work with people; have executive ability, evangelistic in his preaching, love visiting, organize new churches, open mission stations; largely dependent on his mixing or visiting in homes of people"; "Godly man; love hard work; willing to live hard; must know how to meet rough working oil field workers"; "All around man to conduct revivals, study courses, mission schools, distribute religious literature. Just a good pastor who is willing to take the whole field"; "He needs to be trained, consecrated, a lover and willingness to work with rural peoples"; "All I could say would be a genuine consecrated Christian, fired by the Holy Spirit, with the Cause of the Lord"; "Aggressive leadership, adaptability, consecration, unselfishness, good training"; "One who can preach the gospel and lead people in Kingdom activities"; "Wise, efficient, deeply spiritual men with the ability to mingle with and lead the people. Men whose hearts are on fire with the gospel of salvation and missions"; "Same as above mentioned. A man who knows and loves country people (with a good education, sound in doctrine, missionary in spirit)"; "There is not a church in the association that does not have a pastor"; "A consecrated man who is willing to preach to country people"; "Hard workers, consecrated, who speak the language of the folk, and are willing to 'hazard their lives' for Christ's sake."

**Question 22:** "Name some undesirable traits for such a man."

**Answers:** "Insincerity and uneducated"; "Lazy, should not be inclined to be bossy, careless in conduct, dress and speech"; "Lazy, loafer, ignorant, dictator"; "One who 'needs a job,' one who is selfish, one who is lukewarm on denominational program, a 'smart alex'"; "Lazy, indiscreet, shortsighted"; "Indolence, indifference, lack of vision, lack of information and love for the Word and work"; "City bred; 'know-it-all'; afraid of work; always 'going home' instead of staying on the job."

**Question 23:** "What specific help might the present Board employees render?"

**Answers:** "Assist in paying salary of pastor on field"; "Assist us in securing service of full time missionary"; "We need leadership in evangelism and some aspiration; Board employees might help us in our cooperative work; we need some inspiration along this line; our churches are not giving through the cooperative program"; "When called upon, send an evangelist"; "Pay us a visit when you can. The people like to know personally our denominational leaders"; "None"; "Visit the association; check with moderator or a committee

the items of this survey of needs. Look over the field. Various training schools in present churches, as you have been doing"; "Enlist the unenlisted church members is our greatest need"; "Get the churches pledged to the program"; "Cooperating, making needy places and many others"; "Encouragement, speaking engagements, visiting the churches, etc."; "Enlistment, evangelism"; "Hold revivals, conferences with the pastors and church leaders and officers, including all S. S., B. T. U., W. M. U., and deacons and church clerks"; "The present Board employees now have more to do than they can do well, without trying to take on more work"; "If the pastors of the several churches should ask for help, it would be well for the Board to try to send the help, in our mission work and evangelism"; "State evangelists could hold meetings in some of the areas"; "Takes full time men"; "Doing about all he can."

**Question 24:** "List other suggestions for our work in your association."

**Answers:** "The greatest thing in our county is we have too many other kinds of Baptists that have come in our county and try to break down the work we have"; "If we could have some conferences on this special phase of our work it might prove very helpful"; "Teaching of Stewardship"; "We can handle our situation. Also I think other churches and associations could handle many of their situations, and thus relieve our Board of much pressure"; "The B. S. U. program should be definitely a state project from the standpoint of the expense of it. Otherwise, it forces the church which assumes the responsibility into an unbalanced denominational program, which is not a wholesome thing. College students are never a financial asset to a church. In fact, they are very expensive both from the standpoint of proper building facilities and the maintenance of a well-led student church program"; "I am not requesting it, but if the Board members owned a car and they would be able to finance the thing, he could look after all of this work except one place in this county"; "No more"; "We need among our people a sense of denominational loyalty, and a deepened sense of Stewardship, and a vision for Missions"; "The need of mission rallies, V. B. S. held in all the churches"; "We need a few pastors who will live on the field instead of running in from other places on Sundays"; "There are a number of poor churches in the association that are not paying the gasoline expense of the pastor, and it would be a great help to the poor struggling pastors if there would be some help given from the Board"; "Good could be done by Board employees by visiting established churches and acquainting them with denominational affairs."

**Question 25:** "What suggestion do you have for increasing State Mission receipts?"

**Answers:** "More mission preachers"; "Keeping the needs constantly before our pastors, chairman of Boards of deacons and W. M. U. leaders and S. S. superintendents, etc. Our people need more information. They need Baptist Record reading"; "Countywide schools of missions"; "Emphasize the Cooperative Program. Continue to reduce overhead so there will be more funds to allocate"; "Sermons, distribution of tracts, special S. S. programs, and imparting such information about the work as will get our people mission-minded"; "State Week of Prayer offering should be emphasized more and more. Larger Cooperative Program receipts. That is a matter that must be done through local church leadership. State Mission schools"; "Show a more vital interest in the pastors and their fields; show the churches what we are doing with their mission money"; **A comment:** "This is one of the best steps we have made. Thanks for your interest." "Enlistment is the word. Some pastors forget all about it. Even forget the special mission days"; "Have some plan for encouraging the pastors to preach on State Missions, and lead their people in a constructive and worthy program"; "Pastors to present, emphasize and preach more State Missions"; "Enlistment"; "At least a quarterly—better monthly—conference in the association with the pastors, deacons and all church leaders in some central point in the association"; "Local pastors who are interested"; "A full time director of associational evangelism and missions, and promotional work, securing volun-

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# Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

"Go" Mt. 5:24; "Go" Mt. 10:6; "Go" Mt. 11:4;  
"Go" Mt. 28:7; "Go" Mt. 28:19; "Go" Mk. 16:15;  
"Go" Lk. 9:60.

"Give" Mt. 5:42; "Give" Mt. 10:8; "Give" Mt. 19:21;  
"Give" Lk. 6:38; "Give" I Cor. 9:7.

## I

Brother E. D. Hurst, Treasurer, First Church, Laurel, sends a large check for various phases of the work of our Lord. Included, is a check for \$500 from them for State Missions.

They felt the dedication of their building is not complete without some such expression. Brother Hurst adds, "Our churches all over the state, especially the larger ones, are invited to join us to build our own State Mission Budget to do a bigger work, so much needed."

Blessings upon Pastor Gates and his church.

## II

Dr. J. A. Stewart, West Point, is leading his people in making large preparations for several services in November, as evidenced in the following material:

### The Coming Revival and My Part In It

November the 16th will, God willing, see the formal beginning of our revival with Rev. D. A. McCall as evangelist and Earl Edwards as director of music.

Of course we are all delighted that these men are coming for we know their ability and spiritual fitness but WE AS INDIVIDUALS HAVE A PART TO PLAY and the meeting will fail if we as individuals do not play that part. That part includes:

1st. The making of plans now to attend the very first service of the revival and also all the rest of the services;

2nd. Definite periods of personal prayer for the meeting and for friends unsaved or unenlisted;

3rd. The faithful attendance of all church services between now and the meeting. This especially applies to the Morning Worship service on each Sunday;

4th. The prayerful preparation of my own heart so that the revival will have begun in me even before the meeting begins;

5th. Talking to friends about the meeting, especially my unsaved and unenlisted friends.

I challenge you as a Christian and a church member to face honestly the implications of your profession and of your membership. You have a part to play. Play it like a true Christian.

Yours in His Service,

JAMES A. STEWART.

### Pre-Revival Activities

Sunday, Nov. 2, 11:00 a. m.—Special Revival Sermon by Pastor—"THROUGH CRISIS TO TRUTH."

Monday through Friday, Nov. 3-7—Training Union Institute.

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 6:15 p. m.—Teachers' and Officers' Conference.

Sunday, Nov. 9, 11:00 a. m.—Special Revival Sermon by Pastor—"V FOR VICTORY CAMPAIGN."

Monday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p. m.—Young People's Banquet.

Tuesday through Thursday—Nov. 11-13—Afternoon cottage prayer meetings.

Wednesday, November 12, 6:15 p. m.—Teachers' and Officers' Conference.

Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 12-14—"GETTING READY TO SING." Choir and congregational singing each night at the church in preparation for the meeting. Leader: Earl Edwards of Houston.

Friday, November 14, 9 a. m.—Special Prayer Service in church followed by general visitation of membership. 7:30 p. m. Men's Banquet.

Sunday, November 16—Five hundred in Sunday School ALL STAYING FOR OPENING SERVICE OF REVIVAL at 11:00 a. m.

REVIVAL COMMITTEES (Chairmen):

Publicity—Sidney Harris.

Prospects—Mr. Will Vanlandingham.

Visitation—Frances Lippincott.  
Cottage Prayer meetings—Mrs. J. B. Walker.  
Ushering—Morning services in charge of W. M. S. Evening services, Mr. Albert Simmons.

Decoration—Mrs. J. Q. Robins and Mrs. John Tyler.

Special Music—Mrs. W. W. Ferguson in cooperation with Mr. Earl Edwards.

Literature—Mrs. Tom Teasley.  
Building (Heat and Light)—Mr. Albert Simmons.

Youth Activities—Frances Lippincott.

These committee chairmen will appoint their own committee members.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

West Point, Mississippi.

## III

Pastor Charlie M. Thompson, Laurel, recently said a thing we greatly appreciate, when he referred to the work we have been trying to do in the terms of a "Preacher-Secretary." We appreciate it because knowing him we believe it came from the heart. We appreciate it, because God called us to preach.

## IV

The Rankin County W. M. U. Association was largely attended, and delightfully entertained at the Plains Baptist Church.

Brother A. W. Talbert was teaching a Mission book. We had the privilege of bringing a message on "Missions."

The work goes forward in this county.

## V

Who deserves the credit for successes in His work for this year? Well, if you give our Lord Jesus about 98½% of the honor we do not care where the rest goes.

Our pastors did their part nobly. His churches participated largely. Institution workers, department workers, and office helpers shared largely in it.

We desire to commend by name our own office helpers, who never appear before the Convention, and yet, have much to do with its work. For the year just closed, we include, Miss Bess Eva Schilling, Mrs. H. T. McLaurin, Miss Eunice A. Sandlin, Mrs. Pat Rankin and Mrs. John Stone. Psal. 121.

## VI

The special exercises at Mississippi College honoring Dr. Provine were altogether deserved and fitting.

Dr. Provine is a great man. He has helped write Mississippi history.

Along with other faculty members of a great college he occupies a unique place in the hearts of all of us. Doxology!

## VII

We feel about a car as a cowboy must feel about his horse. We love machinery—the whirr of it, the feel of it—in its performance.

As we traded cars the other day a tinge of sadness came upon us. The old car had taken us 52,000 miles in preaching His Gospel, teaching His word, and presenting His work.

Our gladness consisted in the fact the new one would help us continue it.

### Now Club

Mississippi Baptists (and certainly the writer), are indebted to two outstanding Christian laymen for help gladly given in the matter of calling the bonds, December third.

We refer to Judge O. B. Taylor, Jackson, and Judge John Wm. McCall, Memphis.

We were getting ready to leave for a county-wide revival and certain matters had to be attended to within near date limits. Judge Taylor said, "Go ahead. Do not worry one minute. These matters will be met." They were attended to.

Going by Memphis to perfect plans for calling a part of our bonds there, and needing some legal advice, we found Judge McCall ready to give most of the morning to this portion of Mississippi Baptist affairs.

## BR

The Orphanage is grateful for every contribution that has been made for the work being done for the children who need such assistance. Many of our people have not made an offering for this work. Now is your opportunity. Do not let it pass.

### CALVARY—TUPELO

It has been a pleasure to work with the people of Calvary Church and Mississippi Baptists. In the church we leave there are some of the greatest Christians, from every standpoint, to be found on earth. They are most faithful and cooperative. No pastor can enjoy any measure of success without the unfailing leadership of the Holy Spirit and the abiding love and cooperation of the church he serves. Therefore, to the members of Calvary Church, and above them, to the Lord, be all the glory.

Mrs. Cooper, Betty, Silas, Jr., and I look forward to our work with Thirty-Fifth Avenue Baptist Church in Birmingham, where the Lord has very definitely led us.

Remember above all, this is an EVERY FAMILY Church.

SILAS COOPER.

## BR

### MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SURVEY

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teen preachers to do what our college groups are doing in other fields. When we can show 'fruits' people will pay for the planting and plowing"; "An Every Member Canvass, The Baptist Record in every home and a missionary pastor"; "Every church having a unified program with every phase of our work included and stressed, more of our pastors becoming denominationally minded and preaching missions"; "The help suggested would result in development and growth."

## BR

### GOING PLACES

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in Mississippi. Try it.

### Did You Receive a Copy of This Letter?

Dear Brother Pastor:

Budget making time is here.

That means time to consider putting The Baptist Record in all homes in every church. That is the E-very F-amily Plan. Price—\$1.00 per family—per year—PAY-able anyway you desire.

I was asked by the Southwide Committee on Denominational papers to serve as chairman of our State Committee.

Well, I believe in the VALUE of good literature. It helps the Christian! It helps the church! It helps the pastor! It helps the denomination!

All of this means that the causes of Christ are advanced.

Give Brother Goodrich, Circulation Manager, a chance to present the E. F. Plan to your deacons or church. He will really help you.

Yours in Him we love,

D. A. MCCALL.

Note: We appreciate this as well as the constant support of our work by Secretary McCall.

AND, we will appreciate it if you will become a doer instead of just a reader.

## BR

Laurel First Baptist Church feels that her recent dedication service would not be complete without an offering to our own State Mission work and has made a special dedication of \$500.00 to this work. Under the leadership of our beloved Secretary McCall, every one of our churches has a great opportunity for a marvelous mission program in our own state. Certainly this is the time for Mississippi Baptists to awaken out of sleep.

The Meridian churches were most cordial in their treatment of the Mississippi Baptist Convention hosts. The pastors were constant in their courtesies to us and in their attendance upon the Convention.

The election of Dr. Gunter as President of the Convention for a third session was a signal honor and one well deserved. The 6th election of Brother Walton Lee as Secretary shows the well placed confidence of the brethren in him.

The 1941 Convention attendance stands at 451 registered messengers. Last year the registered attendance at Jackson was 497. The slight difference is probably due to geographical location. Jackson is a bit more accessible to every section of the state.



### WE ALSO MARCH

George W. Sadler, Secretary  
Foreign Mission Board  
for Africa, Europe and the Near East

The November number of MISSIONS contains an article entitled "We Who March Today." The author, a soldier in what he calls "The Conscript Army of 1941," pleads for the "creation of a new world that will devote all its resources and all its energies to the advancement of humanity."

The Foreign Mission Board makes no apology for claiming that it is marching toward this new-world objective and that the advancement of humanity is one of its guiding stars.

#### Re-studying Our Resources

At the annual meeting of the Board in October an inventory was taken. It was discovered that in every large division of our work, save one, soldiers of the Cross were at their posts, the one exception being the Near East. That it has been possible to function so efficiently in so many areas is one of the miracles of modern times. It was also discovered that those whose duty it was to "keep the home fires burning" had not failed. So faithfully had they performed that there was provision both for supplying the needs of the members of the expeditionary forces and the sending of recruits. The treasurer was also able to report a steady march toward a debtless condition.

#### Commissioning Recruits

The call of consecrated youth was so clear and the appeal of appalling circumstances was so persistent that the Board was constrained to appoint six new missionaries. Two of these, the Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Schweinsberg, are to go to Colombia for the purpose of initiating a new missionary enterprise in that important republic. Mr. Schweinsberg has peculiar fitness for such a task because of the fact that he was converted from Catholicism and because of his previous life in Latin America.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hallock are to work among students in Brazil while Miss Lois Hart and Miss Ethel Singleton are to give themselves to medical and educational work in Chile.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavell Seats, whose story has been previously told, sailed for Africa on October 9.

#### Returning from Furloughs

To Africa and China and South America have gone in recent weeks missionaries whose furloughs had expired. One of these, Miss Isabella Moore, is a Zam Zam survivor; two of them, Dr. H. H. McMillan and Rev. Wilson Fielder, have left wives and children in this country in order that they may engage in the King's business.

#### Appointment of Latin American Secretary

Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., Board member from Louisiana and pastor of the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church of New Orleans, was chosen as secretary of the Board for its work in Latin America. By virtue of his culture and consecration, Dr. Gill is well qualified for his new position. In addition to being a graduate of William Jewell College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he has been a student at the Naval Academy and the University of Edinburgh. He studied the Romance languages in his childhood in the home of his missionary parents. He has been a successful pastor in a city which is predominantly Catholic. More important than all of these is his vital Christian experience and his feeling that God is leading him into this new field.

#### The Women March With Us

The objectives we have attained, the victories we have achieved are explained by the fact that our women have marched with us to the strains of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Through their program of education and their gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering they have played a part whose far-reachingness no one can fully appraise. All over the world missionaries and native Christians praise God for the tender compassion which prompts the women of the southland to give of their resources in order that the onward march of Christian soldiers may continue.

Despite the increasingly large lifts that approached last year the \$400,000.00 mark Southern Baptist women are grieved that there are so many needs to which they cannot respond. An appeal for a wing for the tubercular patients of our hospital in Ogbomosh, a request for a new girls' school in Hungary, numerous calls for help in connection with evangelistic work in many fields must

be ignored because there is not enough to go around.

But we march forward and we shall never sound retreat! Our course will continue to challenge us and our God will always give us strength.

—BR—

#### PROGRESS IN AFRICA

(Foreign Mission Board)—The following paragraph from a letter which came a few weeks ago from Missionary A. C. Donath indicate that the movement in Africa is in the right direction:

"Our entire mission family was together recently for several days in our annual Mission Meeting in Ogbomosh. For those of us who live in isolated areas, it is a great tonic to have a period of fellowship with our missionary co-laborers. The Donaths remained in Ogbomosh for an additional week to help in a pastors' Refresher Course. As Dr. J. C. Pool and family will soon be going to America for their regular furlough, the Mission asked the Donaths to take up their work in the Seminary and to continue to carry on the activities in the vast Ekiti Territory as far as we are able to do so on periodic visits. In addition, we continue our work as editor and business manager of our denominational paper, *The Nigerian Baptist*. We are happy to render this added service for there is no work in Nigeria that is more important than that of the training of our native workers. Our work in all parts is suffering today because we have so few native workers who are adequately trained.

"We have recently examined and baptized more than one hundred candidates in churches where laymen are acting as pastors. After his profession of faith, we require each candidate for baptism to attend a weekly class of Biblical instruction for at least six months before he is baptized. He must pass a very rigid examination. If we did not make such a requirement, the masses would present themselves for baptism and continue to live in their heathenism, for it is pretty generally believed that a baptismal certificate is a sure ticket for heaven.

"Our associations hold quarterly meetings. In our area we always preface the meeting with a full day given exclusively to intensive Bible study. At a recent meeting of the Akoko Association, our native Sunday school leader called to the front messengers from each church and gave them a test on the Sunday school lessons for the past six months. He would announce the subject of the lesson, and, in turn, the messengers were called on to quote the Golden Text and tell what the lesson was about. The contest was ended with a lively Sword Drill. I am glad that you and I were not contestants for I fear that we would have been embarrassed."

—BR—

#### REPORT OF EVANGELIST M. E. PERRY FOR YEAR 1940-41

October 18, 1941

Another glorious year of work is fast coming to a close. World upheavals and war conditions have turned the hearts and minds of many away from God rather than to Him, yet we find that the majority are seeking God's hand in this entire matter.

Have had the privilege of preaching 388 sermons; made 26 addresses; held 37 workers' conferences. Conducted clinics as follows: S. S., 6; B. T. U., 5; W. M. U., 5; Finance 4. Had the pleasure of seeing 341 unite with the churches by baptism; 32 by letter; 1 by statement. I also led 117 individuals to Christ, either in school services or in the homes who possibly did or did not unite with churches of their choice after the campaign. Further, funds for repairing church buildings were started; helped two pastors make church connections; took three religious censuses; spoke in ten meetings, at least once, on our State work, emphasizing the NOW CLUB; led in getting three pastors' salaries boosted; worked out plans for one associational revival program and led singing in one revival.

Since the first of October I have been working in Hattiesburg; trying to get under way a Soldier Program and correlate the work between the Camp and our Baptist churches. Am having a hard but very encouraging beginning, about which I hope to know more about by the time the Convention meets.

—BR—

SHARE WILLINGLY, SHARE JOYFULLY, SHARE GENEROUSLY at this THANKSGIVING SEASON. Remember the children of the Orphanage.

#### REPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD

To The

#### ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

Meridian, Mississippi, November 11-13, 1941

"They—went everywhere preaching the word." Acts 8:4.

"And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them."—Acts 14:27.

But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister."

"And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all."

"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Mark 10:43-45.

Jesus said, "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." Luke 15:7.

#### I. CONVENTION BOARD

Your Board has majored in "preaching the word." This year the Word has been presented—by State Mission pastors in 70 of our churches; from the 32 church houses we have helped complete; by four evangelists; by your State Mission Secretary; by our departments, namely: B. T. U., Sunday school, W. M. U., Baptist Record, Brotherhood, B. S. U.—all evangelistic in emphasis; and, the Indians and Negroes. All reports are given in the following pages.

Your Board erects no buildings for itself. It lives to serve!

Total receipts handled by this office this year amount to \$354,316.00. The overhead, so called, in collecting and disbursing this money stands at 13 per cent. This is a reduction of 3 per cent over last year. We still believe this cost may be brought on down to 10 per cent.

At the same time we would remind this Convention that this 13 per cent meant preaching the Gospel and teaching His word in Mississippi and around the world.

Psalm 103:1, 2.

As instructed, preparatory to an audit, a proper bookkeeping system was set up in the Baptist Record department, by our Auditor.

We note with pleasure, the savings of over \$4,000 this year over last, in the Baptist Record department. This is according to the report of our auditor.

We join all Mississippi Baptists in grateful acknowledgement of the long service of Dr. P. I. Lipsey who leaves his present post by resignation November 15. We pray for our God's richest blessings to abide upon him.

—BR—

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Your Secretary is sincerely appreciative for the Blessings and Guidance of God's Spirit in His work. He also thoroughly appreciates the cooperation of Mississippi Baptist Pastors, Department workers, Churches and Convention Board members. The work would not have gone on at all but for these vital forces and factors. Doxology!

#### Thirty Three Months Report:

Preached His Gospel, Taught His Word, Presented His work, 1125 times, 230 additions; 333 for baptism; 82 others on profession of faith; associations visited 122; baptized 15; asking for prayer (lost) 380; reconsecrations 421; churches organized 2; mission services 6; pledged to win one to Christ 300; ministers ordained 2; deacons ordained 15; surrendered for special life service 2; as a labor of love returned \$2,691.02 from earnings; six countywide revivals.

—BR—

We note with grateful gratitude the fruitful hand of the Spirit in sustained Evangelistic results. Last year God gave us in confession of faith, followed by baptism, 13,367 persons. Thus, in three years we have seen 40,000 walk this road in obedience. Again, last year Mississippi was one of four S. B. C. states showing a gain in baptisms. The others were Virginia, New Mexico and Arizona.

Cleo Harris, well known former Mississippi College student, is at present in the Southern Aviation School, Camden, S. C. He writes, "I made my first solo last week and received one of the biggest thrills I have known." All good things to you, Cleo!



## REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

For nearly a century Southern Baptists have promoted through their Foreign Mission Board world missions. Their central and controlling motive through these years has been that of giving the Gospel of Christ to all the nations. With rare vigor, persistence and wisdom that purpose and program has been advanced.

With gratitude and humility we praise Almighty God for His unfailing blessing upon this great work of Southern Baptists. For the signal victories He has given us through the changing decades of history, for the ever-enlarging vision and scope of opportunity in the work He has led us to embrace we give Him our heart-felt thanks. The glory belongs to Him.

We are especially thankful that in these awful times in which we live, when the world seems to be passing through some terrific major crises, God is manifesting in an unusual way His increased favor and blessing upon this great enterprise of our denomination. Every item of our foreign mission program shows that definite God-directed, God-blessed factor.

The total income from all sources for the year ending January 1, 1941, was \$1,326,862.95, which was \$247,277.67 more than the year previous. Since January the receipts of the Board have steadily increased, month by month, over the receipts of last year.

We are happy to report that the Board's debt is being paid. Since our convention met a year ago we have been able to reduce the principal of our indebtedness from about \$230,000.00 to the present amount of \$185,000.00.

The Lottie Moon Christmas offering of the W. M. U. of the South last year amounted to more than \$360,000.00, an increase of about \$30,000.00 over the year before. This year we confidently hope to see this annual offering of our women pass \$400,000.00. Many of our missionaries and native workers are supported by this fund.

All of our missionaries have been withdrawn from Japan, except Dr. Maxfield Garrott. He continues his work of teaching and preaching without interference from the government. The present outlook of our Japanese missions, as seen through the eyes of this intrepid young missionary, is encouraging, despite the fact that his fellow-missionaries have been withdrawn from the field and that he himself must live apart from his family. His wife, the gifted daughter of Dr. W. O. Carver of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the precious little daughter are now in this country. Japan will again throw all doors open without restrictions to the propagation of the Gospel of Christ through God-called missionaries, as we firmly believe.

Since our report last year the Foreign Mission Board has opened two new mission fields: one is in Hawaii, the other in Colombia, South America. Several of our refugee missionaries from China and Japan are now in those islands of the Pacific, and are doing a great work. In addition to native Hawaiians there are large populations of Chinese and Japanese there, also many Americans. These offer a rich field of missionary opportunity which we have seized at the most strategic time. We have twelve missionaries on that field.

Our new mission in the republic of Colombia has begun clearly under the providence of God. Colombia perhaps is the most strategic of the Latin American countries to the South of us. It is strategic from the standpoint of our nation because of the large interests which we, as a native, have in Colombia. The Panama Canal divides this country in half, leaving Colombia in possession of nine hundred miles of sea coast on one side and eleven hundred on the other. Without the friendship of Colombia the Panama Canal cannot be defended. Our country has not always treated Colombia as a true friend. To cite instances: Back in the days of the California gold rush, because one of our citizens was killed in Panama over a discussion regarding a slice of watermelon, we compelled the Colombian government to pay an excessive indemnity. Then more recently we took by force the Panama Canal Zone. If we thus took from our neighbor to the South unfairly of her material

wealth, should we not at least give her freely of our spiritual wealth?

God seemed to anticipate the time Southern Baptists should begin their mission work in Colombia, so in advance He had in training two splendid young people whom we would appoint as our first missionaries to that field. By every mark of providential leading God pointed out to our Foreign Mission Board Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Schweinburg as the ones to initiate our service there. They both have had several years residence in that country as missionaries under a faith mission movement. But because this movement did not see fit to establish local churches they saw that their work could not be permanent. So they came to America, were graduated from our Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, made application for appointment to our Board and were appointed. Already they know the language and the people of Colombia, and have had missionary experience. They are well qualified in every way to make pioneers of the faith in that new field.

The work in China, despite the abnormal conditions which the war has brought on, shows marvelous vitality. Not since the beginning of our work in that great country have the Chinese shown such faith and courage and hopefulness; nor have our missionaries, those who remain on the field, mainly men, ever enjoyed more prestige and influence with the people. A wide-spread spirit of evangelism has taken hold of the churches there, and great evangelistic meetings, accompanied by great demonstrations of the Holy Spirit's presence, are being witnessed. God seems to be using the distresses and sufferings of the people and of the missionaries as a new vantage point from which He is winning China. God is multiplying through the war-born conditions of China the Christian missionary's power to present the Gospel message.

Our missions in Europe and the Near East, of course, are at present much disturbed because of war conditions. But again our missionaries in this part of the world are not discouraged. Rather they are encouraged. They see signs that point toward a greater day for the Gospel of Christ than perhaps these countries have ever had. However, by no means are they marking time in Europe and the Near East. They are doing whatever their hands of Christian service find to do. At the same time they are storing up reserves for a day when they shall enjoy full freedom to preach Christ and Him crucified to liberated and free peoples.

Africa is still the "dark continent." Livingstone called it the "open sore of the world." Whole tribes of black people, aggregating millions, have never heard of Christ. They are totally without the Gospel. But Southern Baptists for more than sixty years have had representatives preaching the Gospel there. We have made a noble start, and God has signally blessed our work. During this generation Southern Baptists should set as one of their goals, which would not be an impossible undertaking, the evangelization of the millions of heathen now in Africa.

Never has our work in South America been so prosperous as at present. On every field in that continent God is manifesting His presence and power in a great way. Our Board is fortunate to be able to announce the appointment of Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., formerly pastor of St. Charles Avenue Church, New Orleans, La., son of his illustrious missionary father who for many years served Southern Baptists as their representative in Italy and Europe, as associate secretary of the Board, with his particular field covering South America.

The Foreign Mission Board fixed as its budget for 1941 a total of \$861,667.35, including specially supported missionaries. The budget is divided as follows:

To missionaries and their work .....\$757,897.35  
Home promotion and administration .....\$103,770.00

The budget for next year shows a slight increase over this year of about \$17,000.00.

Friends of foreign missions are constantly remembering the Board with legacies and trust funds. During the year one of our own Mississippi laymen, the late Dr. J. V. May, of Port Gibson, left to the Board a bequest amounting to \$2,500.00.

The Foreign Mission Board's chief publicity medium is THE COMMISSION, Southern Baptists' only world journal. The circulation of this maga-

REPORT OF ADVISORY STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE  
October 6, 1941

We, your Committee on Stewardship, submit the following recommendations:

1. That we express our gratitude to the Heavenly Father for the increase in contributions to all our causes.
2. That we assert our belief that God's people have enough of His money to support all of His Causes, and meet every need.
3. That every church put a definite emphasis on the stewardship of substance. This may be done by the preaching of the plain teachings of the Word of God, and urging all Christians to accept this as the standard of our giving. The liberal use of tracts and posters and the wide use of the study course books in both Training Union and Sunday School on Stewardship will be helpful. Another very successful way is the Stewardship Revival.
4. That the District Associations give a place on their programs for a discussion of stewardship. That the Moderator contact the churches giving nothing to our Mission causes with the view of leading every church to make a contribution of some amount each year. We further recommend the appointment of a Stewardship Director in each Association to aid and lead in a definite program of Stewardship in his Association.
5. That the Cooperative Program be given first place by our churches in Mission gifts; That we recognize only the special offerings for outside causes which have been recommended by our Conventions. This does not prevent emergency offerings.
6. That it be urged upon all our people to bring all of the Lord's tithe into the church treasury to be used for the support of all His causes laid on His churches by the New Testament, and that it be done according to the New Testament Command, "ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK."
7. That we look toward a full-time program in every church in the State. This can be done when God's people obey the command to "Bring Ye all the tithes into the Storehouse."
8. That the churches plan and adopt a well balanced and definite program of activities for each year, emphasizing all our work.
9. We recommend the employment of a State Stewardship Secretary as soon as seems practical in the mind of the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. SULLIVAN, Chairman,  
A. B. PIERCE,  
HOWARD E. SPELL,  
F. K. HORTON,  
D. I. YOUNG,  
Stewardship Committee For  
Mississippi Baptists.

—BR—

Do you wish to make a permanent investment where your returns will show large dividends? Invest in the boys and girls of the Orphanage by making a liberal offering at this Thanksgiving season.

Brethren, seven hundred words make up one column in The Baptist Record. Several short articles will be read by more people, and, therefore, generally speaking, do more good than one or a few very long ones. We try to remember values at this point. Where we write one long article, we write 25 or 50 short ones.

Pastor G. O. Parker, Magee, is in a Stewardship Revival at Juniper Grove, the week of November 23rd. The brethren will certainly hear the truth preached in real emphasis.

zine is rapidly growing. Our people are recognizing its value and are placing it on their list of periodicals that must come into their homes. We have set as our goal 30,000 subscriptions to reach by Christmas. That means that Mississippi's part of that total is about 1,300 subscriptions. With the continued encouragement of the pastors and the help of our W. M. U. organizations and The Baptist Record we shall have little difficulty reaching it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. FRANKS, Chairman,  
Mississippi Representative on Foreign  
Mission Board.



## Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary  
JOHN A. FARMER, Associate  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elem. Sec.

### Records and Goals

Thirty-six different Junior classes were standard for at least one quarter during the year ending September 28, 1941. Many of these were standard for more than one quarter making a total of fifty-four standard classes. Of this number two classes from Philadelphia were standard for the entire year. They were Cheerful Helpers, Miss Florence Callahan, teacher, and Shining Lights, Miss Mattie Mae Viverette, teacher. Congratulations to these two fine groups.

We ought to have a hundred and fifty standard classes in Mississippi during this year. We can, if every class will do its part. Can we count on you? Remember you can have a standard class in a one-room church just as easily as you can have one in a departmentalized Sunday school.

The Junior departments at Liberty, Mendenhall, and Griffith Memorial, Jackson, were the only standard departments for the year. Our goal for 1941-42 is eight. We can count on these three being standard for the new year but we will need five more. Will your department be one of these five?

Nine Primary departments were standard. They were Griffith-Jackson, First-Meridian, Philadelphia, Morgan City, Picayune, Ackerman, First-Columbia, Parkway-Jackson, Pascagoula. Eighteen standard Primary departments is our goal for this year. With your help we can reach this goal.

There were standard Beginner departments last year at First Church, Kosciusko, First-Columbia, Parkway-Jackson, and First-Grenada. We want ten standard Beginner departments in Mississippi this year. Won't you help us reach this goal?

Only three Cradle Roll departments in the state were standard last year. They were First-Columbia, Grenada and Philadelphia. With very little extra work we could double this number this year. Will you be one of the six standard Cradle Roll departments in Mississippi during 1941-42?

### New Units

New Cradle Rolls have recently been organized at Byhalia, Mrs. F. S. Echols, superintendent; Pinola, Mrs. Guy Little, superintendent; and White Sand (Jeff Davis Association), Mrs. Claud Brinson, superintendent.

Remember, free literature is given for every new Cradle Roll and Extension department organized.

### For Enlisted Men

The Sunday School Board has recently arranged a quarterly booklet of the Sunday school lessons for men enlisted in the United States military service. The title of this booklet is "On Duty for God and Country." The price is 10c per quarter. It is the same as "On the Wing with the Word," except that it is in patriotic dress. These may be secured from the Sunday School Board just as any of the regular Sunday school lit-

## REPORT OF MEETING OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

By J. D. Franks, Mississippi Member

The fall meeting of the Foreign Mission Board was held on October 15th and 16th.

The officers for the year previous were re-elected. Fortunate indeed are we to have as our president a great business man. Mr. Howard Jenkins presides with the dispatch of the great executive that he is, but with no indication of the hurried spirit of undue haste. One feels as he guides the sessions that he has a big heart full of genuine love and sympathy for the cause of foreign missions, and for the missionaries themselves. With the rest of us he is deeply moved at the testimonies of our missionaries, the reports of their triumphs in the gospel, the absence of complaints in the midst of suffering, their unfailing faith and optimism.

Dr. Maddry, a great missionary statesman, is ably assisted in his heavy duties as our Executive Secretary by Drs. George W. Sadler, M. T. Rankin, and Everett Gill, Jr., who serve as associate secretaries with special areas of the world as their fields, respectively, Europe, and Africa; the Near East, China and the Far East; and South America.

The Board appointed six new missionaries at this session, as follows: Miss Lois Emily Hart, to Chile; Miss Ethle Singleton, to Chile; Dr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Hallock, to Brazil; Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Schweinburg, to Colombia.

I have often thought, as I have listened to the testimonies of these God-called men and women, that if Southern Baptists could listen in at one session of the Board, especially when new missionaries are being examined and appointed, and could hear their witness, they would never have any doubt that God is very definitely back of our foreign mission enterprise, and that it is He who actually sends out the workers.

The mission to Colombia is now, and the Schweinburgs are our first missionaries to that great republic south of us. Southern Baptist missions now almost completely girdle the continent of South America. As soon as possible we hope to enclose that great country with our gospel witness, with missions in every state, not neglecting to send many new recruits to the missions already established in the interior.

Also we have opened a new mission in the Hawaiian Islands, which has begun very promisingly. We are using there at present a few missionaries who were appointed first to the Orient, but because of conditions have been transferred to Hawaii.

The finances of the Board are in splendid condition. We have kept whittling down the Board's depression debt until now it stands at only

erature is secured from time to time.

### Jones County

The final enrollment of the recent Young People's, Adult, and Extension department associationwide clinic in Laurel was 430; the average attendance for the week was 197, and the number of churches represented was 24. This was the greatest number of churches we have ever had represented in one week's work in that association in any Sunday school program. It was indeed a great week.

about \$180,000.00. Eight years ago it was more than a million dollars. In eight years we have paid in principal and interest on the debt about one and a quarter million dollars. That, we think, is a splendid showing of good financing, and we are sure pleases Southern Baptists. We expect to be entirely out of debt by the Centennial Convention in 1945.

The budget for 1942 was adopted, and shows a slight increase over the budget for last year.

Increasingly THE COMMISSION, our world journal, is becoming a vital force in promoting the work of foreign missions. More and more Southern Baptists are reading it. The first-hand stories from the front lines, the illuminating editorials from the editors and guest writers, are appealing to our people. They realize that when they read THE COMMISSION they tap foreign mission information and interest at its source, so far as Southern Baptists are concerned.

The subscription list has reached more than 25,000. Our enterprising business manager, Mr. Arch M. McMillan, has set a goal of at least 30,000 by Christmas. The magazine has been increased to 40 pages, and we hope to enlarge it as rapidly as practicable until we reach 64 pages.

Mississippi's quota in the new subscription goal has been put at 1,250, a ten per cent increase over last year's goal. We can easily reach it. As your representative on the Board, and under the insistent urging of the Board, I am asking that all Mississippi Baptists now subscribing to THE COMMISSION renew their subscriptions. May I not also earnestly request that each old subscriber get at least one new subscription before Christmas. If we did that we could easily go over the top with our goal. Where can one get so much for so

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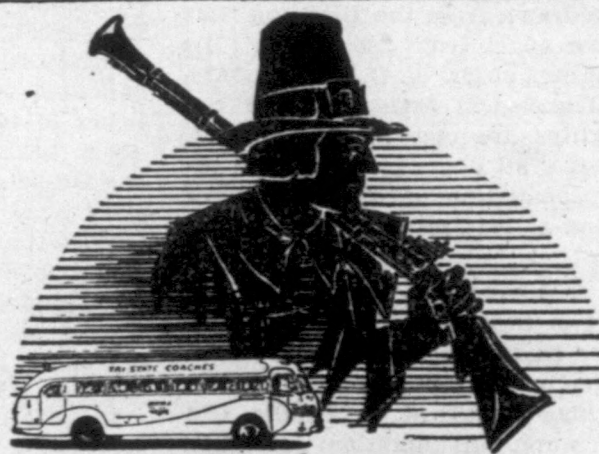
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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Jackson, Mississippi, October 6, 1941

Secretary McCall called the meeting to order and O. P. Estes led in prayer. Secretary McCall was elected Chairman of the Committee and C. E. Patch was elected Secretary.

The Committee discussed at some length the Conference on Evangelism in Clinton, with the following final results which were voted by the Committee:

Date of Conference—March 23-26, 1942.

Place—Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi.

Out-of-state speakers:

1. Hyman Appleman, Evangelistic Sermons.

2. John R. Sampey, Revivals in the Old Testament.

3. Dr. Elmer F. Haight, (BBI) Revivals in the New Testament, and Conference Leader.

SPECIAL—EVANGELISTIC MUSIC.

Subject: "Vital Factors in Evangelistic Music" (Such as the leader, the instrument, the choir, the type of music.)

That we have two forty-five minute conferences on Evangelistic Music.

SONG LEADER—Fred Scholfield Jr.

1. That Fred Scholfield, Jr., of Laurel be asked to lead the music for the Conference and arrange for special music and solos during the Conference.

The Committee then discussed the Evangelistic work in the State for this coming year and the recommendations to the State Convention in Meridian. After much discussion the following were agreed upon;

1. The Committee deeply appreciates the work being done by our two evangelists, and commend them for the work they are doing at the present time in the Soldier Camps.

2. We recommend that we have a State Evangelistic Conference in Clinton, March 23-26, 1942.

3. We recommend that the Associations have an associational Evangelistic Campaign Week, in which time, efforts will be made to reach all the churches in the Association, simultaneously.

4. We recommend that a Director of Associational Evangelism be secured at the earliest possible date that the funds are available.

5. We recommend that financial support be given to "Highways and Hedges" Evangelism by "voluntary seminary and college students throughout the summer months, as funds may be available.

6. We recommend that serious consideration be given to a State-wide Evangelistic Campaign, beginning immediately after the State-wide Evangelistic Conference in Clinton, 1942, with the Gulf Coast churches and moving northward through the state ten to fifteen counties at a time.

7. We recommend that at least two special evangelistic issues of the Baptist Record be published each year.

8. Your Committee urges the serious consideration of (1) at least one Evangelistic Study Course each year, and (2) the renewal of the District Evangelistic Conference to be arranged by local churches and committees.

The committee was glad to have Dr. James Sullivan, pastor of the Clinton Baptist Church, visit with

## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By  
BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson For November 23

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Bible Texts: Psalm 103; 107; Matthew 6:5-15; John 17:1-26; Ephesians 5:18-21; Philippians 4:6; I Thessalonians 5:16-18; I John 5:14-15.

I. Thanksgiving. Psalms 103; 107.

Read Psalm 103. The first verse is familiar to all of us. But the first five verses ought to be just as familiar as the first one. This passage is the psalmist's expression of thanksgiving to the Lord for His having forgiven the psalmist's sins, healed his diseases, redeemed him from destruction, and satisfied his desires. In verses 6-18 the psalmist sets forth the character of God as righteous, compassionate, gracious, long-suffering, plenteous in loving kindness, covenant-keeping. Verses 19-22 is a passage crammed with praise.

Read Psalm 107. He who wrote it began by hymning the enduring loving-kindness of Jehovah. Then he particularizes. Travelers astray from the right path, captives in sadness because of their bonds, men who are sick, storm-tossed sailors, are passed in review with the tribulations which afflict them. The remedy for their distresses is always and in each case the same: a cry to God. That cry is never vain. That cry always brings deliverance. This whole psalm says, "All things work together for good to those who love God." Let us realize this, live by this realization, and be thankful.

II. Prayer. Matthew 6:5-15.

Read this passage. It is not so much a form of words to say as it is a lesson to be learned. Luke tells us (Luke 11:1, 2) that His disciples asked the Lord to teach them to pray, and that this prayer was His answer to that request. I have not one new word to say on this text. Sullivan of Natchez has a fine discourse on this text and, with apologies to him, I think I wrote his outline of this lesson in a Sunday school study years ago. On this occasion, I borrow from whom I do not know, a study which all of you know.

Our Lord would teach His disciples that people who would learn the fine art of prayer must have a time, a set time, a regular time, to pray. It is all right to pray when you can not sleep in the night. It is a fine thing to pray when the conversation with some friends sags, and at any other time unforeseen and favorable circumstances afford opportunity, but he who would learn to converse with God, to have fellowship with Him, must have a prayer period. This is number one. "When thou prayest."

I have certain friends whom I meet at certain places, and certain places have become associated in my mind

them during the session of the committee meeting.

There being no further business the Committee adjourned.

D. A. McCALL, Chairman

C. E. PATCH

J. A. STEWART

O. P. ESTES

P. D. BRAGG,

State Evangelistic Committee.

with certain people. I have a fine man in the membership of my church who has a habit of coming over to the church at night, and of sitting in the church alone with God and holding converse with God. Do you have a favorite place? Is it your breakfast table, with the members of the family around you? Is it the fireside at evening time when the toils of the day are over? But you do need a place for the practice of prayer.

Then you need to pray. Brother Lipsey is fond of saying that prayer is work, and he is right about that. It would not at all surprise me to know that the average preacher spends more time at nearly anything else a preacher has to do than he spends in prayer. Let us practice prayer, let us do it. Pray! Pray! Pray.

And then prayer must be private, or personal, or better, exclusive. We can not pray the while our minds are distracted by a thousand matters of business, or of matters which divide our hearts. Our Father has no time to be talking to people who deliberately turn their backs upon Him and listen to something else. Prayer shuts us up to God. Prayer is private conversation. Oh! You may be leading a thousand people, every one of whom may be praying, but each of them will do well to realize and remember that prayer depends upon the part of him who prays attention.

There are more than one person engaged in prayer. Prayer is not simply saying things to God. It is kneeling inside the closet with the hands—nay, with both hands off the knob, and having communion with God. Letting God speak first, and giving Him a chance to say what He would have you hear right along.

Remember His promise. "Thy Father who seeth in secret shall (shall—shall—shall) recompense thee." Almighty God has bound Himself by a promise to reward you.

Read, now, what He says as to the manner of the acceptable prayer. Look at it as to its spirit. It is (1) fraternal. "Our Father." The word "our" speaks of a sharing, a brotherhood, a partnership. (2) It is filial. "Our Father," and the word "Father" speaks of the tender relation of father and child. (3) It is devotional, the spirit of devotion to a cause. "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth." Whoever prays that prayer is devoting himself thereby to the work of bringing in the kingdom of the father. (4) Trustfulness, seen in the petition, "Give us . . . our daily bread." (5) Forgiving. "As we have forgiven."

Great books have been written with this great lesson on prayer as the text.

III. The Lord's Prayer. John 17.

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### BAPTIST STUDENT UNION WORK

By Billy Watson

The Baptist Student Union of Mississippi is only a part of the great southwide organization, and no, worldwide, since B. S. U. has been started in the Orient and in South America. Since the beginning of B. U. S. in our Southland, Mississippi has played a great part in its development. Mississippi has covered much territory, but we are looking forward to future expansion and promotion for Christ's glory.

The 1940 State Convention was held at M. S. C. W. on October 18-20. The keynote of the convention was "Conquer With Christ." Approximately 900 students attended. Much spiritual power was released and many decisions for Christ were made.

Following shortly after the convention came our State Planning meeting when our student secretaries and new state officers came together at Belhaven College to pray and plan for the work of the coming year.

During the Christmas holidays, many of our students presented programs about B. S. U. in their home churches in cooperation with the southwide event, "Student Night at Christmas."

Early in the Spring of 1941, through the work of our State Ridgecrest representative, we secured the 1940 Ridgecrest films, and they were shown on several of our college campuses.

Our State Spring Retreat for the newly elected local B. S. U. officers was held at the Legion State Park, Louisville, Mississippi, on April 25-26, 1941. The theme of the retreat was "The Master is Come and Callest for Thee." About 140 students attended the Retreat. We had great Christian leaders of our state and Mr. William Hall Preston, southwide associate secretary, to inspire us with their messages and to instruct us in the methods which we were to use to promote Christ on our campuses through the B. S. U's.

Also in April came the Volunteer Enlistment Week when our Baptist students were given the opportunity to enlist in definite Christian work in their home churches, associations, and in the state during the vacation months. Many students answered the call, enlisted, and served in various capacities this past summer in B. T. U. Study Courses, Sunday School work, Youth Revivals, Y. W. A., R. A., and G. A. work, and in Vacation Bible schools. Much good was accomplished through the unselfish efforts of these consecrated Baptist students.

A great week came in the lives of about 150 Mississippi Baptist students when they attended the Southwide Student Retreat at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Eight glorious days were spent upon the mountain-top with Christ. Our students came back to Mississippi resolved to give their very best to Christ and His great program. Lives were transformed and Christian purposes were instilled into many hearts.

At the beginning of the 1941-42 school session many of our B. S. U. Councils held Pre-School Retreats to pray and plan for their work this year. All of the campuses which had the retreats reported very successful ones.

On October 2nd, a special student edition of THE BAPTIST RECORD

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

M. P. L. Berry, President of the Board  
M. Latimer, Secretary-Treasurer

The Board of Ministerial Education feels the loss of its long-time member and Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. M. O. Patterson, very poignantly. The amount of money handled and the managerial duties of the Board, all of which fell largely upon the Secretary-Treasurer, have multiplied three, almost four, times in the last few years. He gave himself unstintingly to every detail. Perhaps the greatest service was spiritual; the personal touch, the intimate association, the sympathetic understanding, the fatherly oversight are words that partially express the relationship sustained to the more than sixty students in Ratliff Hall at Mississippi College, and the more than twenty married students living in the houses and apartments owned or controlled by the Board. A great preacher, a profound teacher, a safe and consecrated leader has passed from us. The denomination could honor itself by creating a fitting memorial to Dr. Patterson.

The Board of Ministerial Education is asking the Mississippi Baptist convention specifically whether the buildings on the Clarke Memorial College campus grounds, known as ministerial cottages, belong to the Ministerial Board.

It was issued. It carried information concerning the work of each B. S. U. in the state, and plans for the 1941 B. S. U. Convention.

On October 17-19, the 1941 State B. S. U. Convention met at the First Baptist Church in Jackson. The keynote of the Convention was "Supreme Allegiance to Christ." Out-of-state speakers were Dr. John L. Hill, Dr. W. W. Hamilton, and Dr. Frank H. Leavell, who represented the southwide office. Other speakers included Dr. D. M. Nelson, Miss Rhobia Taylor and Rev. D. A. McCall.

In 1942, Mississippi Baptist students will participate in the All-Southern B. S. U. Conference which will meet in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mississippi has sixteen junior colleges, nine senior colleges, and several business colleges and nurses' schools; all of these enroll approximately 4,000 Baptist students. B. S. U. is organized and functioning on 20 of these campuses. We have seven B. S. U. secretaries who serve as spiritual coaches on seven of our campuses. They are: Miss Marian Leavell, University of Mississippi; Miss Wilda Tilghman, M. S. C. W.; Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds, Blue Mountain; Miss Elizabeth Williams, Jones Junior College; Rev. C. S. Moulder, Mississippi Southern; Rev. Harold Douglas, Mississippi State, and Mr. Billy Ball, Mississippi College. We are also indebted to the fine group of college pastors and faculty advisors who work faithfully in cooperation with our State B. S. U. program.

Mississippi Baptist students are continuing to pray that God will open the way for us to have a statewide B. S. U. secretary in addition to the seven local secretaries now serving. We appreciate all that has been done already, and trust that every Mississippi Baptist will pray for our work and help us grow into a larger, more useful part of our statewide denominational program.

terial Board. If they do not, the Board can not be responsible for their upkeep.

Extensive and costly repairs and additions to the Board's buildings in Clinton will be imperative in the near future. The Board is using all care in conserving its funds now, looking to these improvements in the future, and is asking for the same allocation of funds as heretofore given to the Board.

Clinton, Miss.,  
September 6, 1941.

Board of Ministerial Education,  
Prof. M. Latimer, Secretary,  
Clinton, Mississippi.

Dear Sirs:

At the request of your Secretary, Prof. M. Latimer, I have made an examination and analysis of the books and records of the Ministerial Board for the year ending August 31, 1941, and attach hereto a statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year.

Respectfully,  
B. R. ALBRITTON.  
—BR—

Patrons of a restaurant one day noticed this bold warning as they entered:

"The umbrella in the stand below belongs to the champion heavyweight fighter of the world. He is coming right back."

Five minutes later the umbrella had disappeared. Below the warning was penciled:


"Umbrella is now in possession of the champion marathon runner of the world. He is not coming back."

### M. S. C. W. BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

By Wilda Tilghman

Much to our delight we find that 98 per cent of our 417 Baptist preference students are church members. Therefore our supreme task is to win the 2 per cent to Christ and to serve the 98 per cent by showing them the inestimable responsibility of the individual who has taken Christ as Savior. The encouraging fact of our plan of utilizing every girl in the Master's service is that 65 per cent of them are actually assuming a responsibility in Baptist Student Union activities. We are seeking to train every Baptist student for efficient Christian service both here and in their home church.

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## THANKSGIVING SEASON Baptist Orphanage Season

"Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His name."  
—Psalms 100:4.

Pastors, S. S. Superintendents, W. M. S. Presidents, Orphanage Chairmen, B. T. U. Directors and Presidents, Brotherhood Presidents and all friends of the children of the Baptist Orphanage. The Success of the THANKSGIVING OFFERING for the Orphanage depends largely upon your leadership and support. Please urge your people to be liberal both with supplies and cash offering. Any commodities for human or animal consumption as well as all types of clothing, house-hold articles, etc., may be shipped without charge from November 17th through December 6th.



This group of children together with a large number of other boys and girls who make their home in the Baptist Orphanage are counting on you to make a liberal Thanksgiving Offering of both supplies and money for their care, support and training. DO NOT FAIL THEM.



# ASSOCIATIONAL EVANGELISM

## C. E. Patch

"And they went forth and preached everywhere."

In preparing the Program and Work in the Prentiss County Evangelistic Campaign the following general outline was followed:

1. A theme for the week.  
A subject for each evening.
2. A church for each day.  
A different preacher for each church each evening.
3. A home for each preacher.  
A preacher for each home.
4. A school for each morning.  
A messenger for each school.
5. Careful and prayerful planning.  
Cooperation in putting into effect the plans.

**1. A THEME FOR THE WEEK.** The W. M. U., the B. T. U. and the Sunday school workers have all learned the value of a THEME. Why not have a theme for the Associational Revival? Something that will help the people to catch a vision of the thing that the pastors and leaders of the association have in mind. This year we planned the campaign around the words: "A LOOK."

**A SUBJECT FOR EACH EVENING.** We did not kid ourselves with our laziness by saying, "I must be led of the Lord on a subject to preach on," which we might have really meant—"I haven't a sermon on that subject and I quit studying and writing sermons about fifteen years ago." Fourteen preachers went out each evening into the fourteen churches in the county preaching on the same subjects. These subjects were: A LOOK AT THE—Lost, Saved, Cross, Saviour, Church, and Hell and Heaven. Our committee felt that we needed to realize that thousands are actually lost. We needed a revaluation of the position and condition of the saved. We needed to look again and again at the Cross until we would not "glory save in the cross," and preach the cross until no man will dare to hold up a crucifix before the lost of this world. We needed to look at our Saviour, looking until we desired above all else to be like Him. We needed to look at the church, His church, until men will cease saying that it is "just another institution." We needed to look at the sufferings of hell and the glory and beauties of heaven.

**2. A CHURCH FOR EACH DAY.** From 11 a. m. until 3:15 p. m. (with time out for "dinner," we were in the country), we were together worshipping and praying and studying. The morning session began with a sermon and the afternoon session closed with a doctrinal sermon. There are fourteen evangelistic doctrines in Pendleton's Manual, and seven that we cannot classify as evangelistic. And did we enjoy these great truths as they were presented each afternoon. The Way of Salvation, Sanctification, God's Purpose of Grace, Repentance and Faith, Harmony of the Law and the Gospel, were the subjects this year. What themes for real Bible preaching and Bible evangelism.

**A PREACHER FOR EACH CHURCH.** Here there is a question as to what is best. Shall we have a different preacher in the various churches each evening, or the same preacher in the same pulpit each evening? From the standpoint of allowing

# ONE MILLION MINUTE MEN

## By George T. B. Davis

Shortly before the Revolutionary War began, a unique movement sprang into being, and quickly enlisted multitudes in its ranks. Its members were called "Minute Men." They are zealous patriots who were ready at a minute's notice to serve and defend their country.

The patriotic fervor of those liberty-loving men has been an inspiration to American youth for more than a century and a half. Their courage and heroism remind one of the "mighty men of valor" of whom we read in the Old Testament narratives.

At the present moment there is a crying need of modern "Minute Men" who will act valiantly and vigorously in these days of terrific crisis in our own country, and throughout the world. Many lands are now in the furnace of affliction. The nations have forgotten God, and His hand is heavy upon them. What happened long ago when people forsook the Lord is taking place again before our very eyes: "National was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity" (II Chron. 15:6). And our beloved United States is threatened with the

many folks who never or seldom hear a new voice I would say give them a new voice each evening. Possibly from the standpoint of personal work, get a preacher for the entire week.

**3. A HOME FOR EACH PREACHER.** A different home each evening, and if possible a person from this home to accompany the preacher to the school in the community for the morning devotions. Then two members of this or some other family in the company should accompany the preacher to the place of the day services. They will return with the preacher who is to preach in their church that evening.

**A PREACHER FOR EACH HOME.** Surely the preacher will do his best to be in the home where preparations have been made to entertain him. I wonder if we appreciate the work that has been done by every member of the family to entertain us.

**4. A SCHOOL FOR EACH MORNING.** Here we sometimes miss one of our greatest opportunities to witness for Christ. Many boys and girls of our state will not average hearing three gospel sermons a year. A consecrated Baptist pastor will not waste their time by trying to entertain them, but will tell them about a Saviour mighty to save.

**A MESSENGER FOR EACH SCHOOL.** If a certain time has been given for a morning devotional period, and God's messenger will come from a talk with God to talk to the boys and girls, much and lasting good can and will be accomplished.

**5. CAREFUL AND PRAYERFUL PLANNING.** Pastors, committeemen, census enumerators, Andrew Club members, advertising committee, school committee, homes committee, and all others connected with the planning of the campaign should pray much and plan carefully.

**COOPERATION.** Every one contributing his or her talents, time and money to make the plans work. Cooperation that operates.

Others will prepare a report of the results of this campaign.

same fate if we do not repent and return to God.

An attractive little folder has been prepared for wide circulation, calling for "One Million Minute Men" who will spend at least one minute daily in prayer for a great spiritual awakening, for national defense, and for the preservation of civil and religious liberty throughout our land. The card of membership in the movement states that the organization is not only for men, but also for women, young people, and boys and girls. The pledge on the front cover of the small four-page folder reads as follows:

"I agree to spend at least one minute daily in prayer for spiritual awakening to bring our people back to God and to the Bible; for the defense of our country in this hour of crisis; and for victory for those who are fighting for liberty and freedom."

Near the top of the second and third pages of the folder one reads that famous Old Testament Scripture portion which may be termed the motto of the movement:

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chron. 7:14).

Then follows a prayer which is to be used daily, if so desired, by the members of the movement. The prayer confesses the pitiable spiritual condition of our country at the present time, and in an earnest plea for revival, and for the blessing of God upon our defense measures, and for victory for the countries which are fighting the forces of evil.

On the back page of the folder a Scripture passage is attractively printed to stimulate the members of the movement to increased faith day by day. It is the well-known one from Hebrews: "Who through faith subdued kingdoms . . . turned to flight the armies of the aliens" (11:33, 34).

Let each of us do his or her part in helping to enlist "One Million Minute Men" as quickly as possible. Please send for a supply of cards to give to the members of your church, or Sunday school, or Bible class, or missionary and young people's society and to send out in letters to relatives and friends.

All requests for the cards should be addressed to: One Million Minute Men, 1505 Race street, Philadelphia, Pa. Please pray for God's blessing upon the circulation of the prayer cards; that a million intercessors may speedily be secured; and that they may pray in the power of the Spirit.

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**BLUE MOUNTAIN B. S. U.**  
**REPORT**  
By Lucy Carleton Wilds,  
Student Secretary

B. S. U. work at Blue Mountain is planned and promoted by an executive council, composed of seventeen students, each with a special responsibility, meeting weekly, together with the student secretary, pastor, and a faculty adviser. Through five properly organized Sunday school classes, six efficient B. T. U's and eight wide-awake Y. W. A. circles, every girl on the campus is enlisted in religious activities. Ninety percent of the Baptist students affiliate with the

# B. S. U. AT DELTA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

## By I. D. Eavenson

The work of the Baptist Student Union began on the campus of Delta State Teachers College in 1929. From its inception, the influence of this organization has been felt in all phases of college activity. Each year, as the leaders are chosen to head up campus organizations, those who have been active B. S. U. workers are elected to many of these places. It has been most gratifying to follow these young men and women as they have gone out to teach. They have accepted seriously Sunday school and church responsibilities and are continuing to make their lives count for the Master. Two of our young pastors were given opportunities for special service while students, one of whom served as president of the organization. Each year representatives are sent to Ridgecrest and to the State B. S. U. Conventions. A bus is being operated between the college and the church, bringing students to both the morning and evening services.

local church. In addition to regular contributions to the Cooperative Program, last year special mission offerings by the girls totaled almost \$500.00. A continuous extension program is sponsored, including four mission Sunday schools and frequent "field" trips. Average attendance at the daily student prayer service is about 75. The purpose of every effort is to help each student to find and follow God's will for her life.

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## TEMPERANCE REPORT

Five years ago, England and the nations now under Nazi domination could have stopped Hitler in his mad dream of world conquest. It was not done—an appeasement attitude and policy prevailed. As a result of appeasement, millions have died on battlefields, thousands of the innocent and helpless have been killed in ruthless bombing raids, millions face starvation, democracy and religious liberty are endangered in the greatest war of all time.

Too long and in too great a degree appeasement has prevailed in regard to the liquor evil. If appeasement had not prevailed America would not have an annual consumption of near two billion gallons of liquor at a cost of four and one-half billion dollars. The innocent suffer, lives are lost, and untold misery and woe are in the land, because of the appeasement attitude to drink.

Not with standing conditions, deplorable in many respects, we are fortunate in our own State. When a survey was made to ascertain the per capita consumption of all alcoholic liquors, and the per capita cost, it was found that Mississippi has the lowest per capita consumption and cost of all states. The tabulation shows that Mississippi has a per capita consumption of 2.069 gallons at a per capita cost of \$2.00.

Our state has resisted successfully every effort to legalize hard liquor. It is known that determined effort will be made to force liquor legalization upon us in the next session of the Legislature, and our prohibition law is in greater danger of being repealed than at any time since it was enacted in 1908. Danger arises from three sources:

1—A group who believes that the law can never be repealed in Mississippi.

2—A misguided but sincere group who believes that conditions could not possibly be worse, and who are "willing to try anything for a change."

3—Drinking in and around army training camps is breaking down the morale of our people in camp areas.

Careful and unbiased investigation reveals that conditions are invariably worse after liquor legalization. Increased drunkenness following repeal of prohibition in Alabama made necessary the building of new jails, enlarging and repairing old ones at heavy cost. In the state, alcoholic psychoses (insanity from drink) first admissions increased 700% after liquor was legalized. Liquor has not helped the state's finances. Having the same rate of sales tax as Mississippi, 2%, Alabama shows a surplus of two million dollars, while we have six million in the treasury. Legalization did not stop bootlegging. Federal agents seized 1347 stills during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941. In the same period, our efficient agent, Mr. E. S. Chapman, seized 451—one-third the number seized in Alabama. Cases against bootleggers made by agents of the AABC (Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control) Board increased from 1271 in 1938 to 3450 in 1940. (AABC Board reports.) H. B. Abernethy, judge of misdemeanor and felony courts, Birmingham, states that conditions are ten times worse in Alabama than ever in the old saloon days. For the wholesale debauchery and destruction of her

## SOLDIER SERVICE

We have training camps, or defense projects completed, or under construction at Jackson, Hattiesburg, Biloxi, Pascagoula, Greenville, Columbus, Meridian and Flora. In addition we have some twenty CCC Camps.

A full time man at each place, representing Mississippi Baptists, would entail a budget of \$30,000. Extra building and equipment would run the total to \$40,000.

A minimum budget might be set at \$18,000 for this work.

A fair budget guaranteeing a good program for presenting Christ to these men would call for \$25,000.00.

We suggest these figures be kept in mind as a great State offering is considered.

people through liquor, Alabama receives a profit-revenue of approximately one dollar per capital a year.

Throughout the nation a tide of opposition is rising slowly against the liquor evil. More than 12,000 local option elections have been held and dry forces have won seventy-five per cent of the elections. Arkansas, after five years of legal hard liquor, is voting it out by counties and other voting units. One county voted 710 to 56 against hard liquor.

To too great an extent appeasement prevails in law enforcement. Officers should be given fullest cooperation in enforcement, and demand should be made that the law be enforced as required by the oath of office.

In many sections of our state an appeasement attitude prevails in regard to beer and wine. Forty-two counties have outlawed these, and many other counties could and should vote beer and wine out. For a per capita revenue of less than forty cents (39.5—State Tax Commission) our people allow the beer dive, the beer honky-tonk, the beer roadhouse to flourish.

Reports from army training camps indicate that little is being done to check or curb drinking in the camps and camp areas. Dr. Roy L. Smith, Editor, Christian Advocate (Methodist), well says, "Unless the church and other civic-minded groups rise up and do something and do it soon, it is not at all unlikely that the morals of America's new soldiers will be this war's first casualty."

Demons in the presence of Jesus cried, "What have we to do with thee? . . . let us alone." Liquor-sellers, dive-keepers, prostitutes, gamblers—all the evil, demon-possessed agents of Satan are crying to the followers of Jesus today, "What have we to do with thee? . . . let us alone." Will we heed the demons' cry; or will we in the name of our Lord, and by His power, cast out these demons that rend and destroy.

We recommend:

1—That greater emphasis be given to temperance education.

2—That effort be made to vote beer and wine out in counties where elections have not been held.

3—That fullest possible effort be made to improve conditions in army camps and camp areas.

4—That forces be organized to urge legislators to vote against any and all measures intended to weaken or destroy our liquor laws.

N. S. JACKSON.

## MISSISSIPPI

## MINISTERS RETIREMENT REPORT

The Mississippi Baptist Ministers Retirement Committee met in call session Thursday, October 9th, 1941, 8:30 a. m., in the office of the executive secretary.

The following resolutions were passed in recognition of the Homegoing of a fellow Committee Member, Sam C. Beaty, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson:

Whereas, our Baptist Brotherhood in general and Calvary Baptist Church in particular has sustained real loss in the Homegoing of Brother Sam C. Beaty.

Whereas, this Committee has suffered a distinct loss in this Providence,

Therefore, Be it resolved that we express our highest appreciation of his fine Christian character, and tender to the members of his family and church our sincerest sympathies. May Heaven's best blessings be upon them in all the future.

Judge Sidney Smith was named by the Committee to speak to the report before the coming Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Your Committee on Ministers Retirement begs to make the following report:

We have passed upon the applications of 165 pastors. They are now participants in the plan. They serve 245 churches. We appreciate this cooperation on the part of pastors and churches.

However, we call attention to the 450 Mississippi Baptist pastors and to the 1200 Mississippi Baptist churches not participating in the plan. Delay means added penalty to benefits of the plan for pastors. This is true for EVERY pastor, and, not just for some. Delay on the part of churches tends to weaken the plan as a denominational principle of action.

To get in on the plan, write your Board Office, Box 530, Jackson, for blanks. Have the church vote on the plan. Fill out and return the blanks. Payments are in advance, monthly, quarterly or annually. Contributions amount to 3 per cent of the salary, to be paid by the pastor; 3 per cent of the salary, to be paid by the church (allowance to be made in both cases where parsonage is furnished by adding 15 per cent of salary to salary basis).

The Board puts 2 per cent with the above 6 per cent.

This goes into the Mississippi Baptist Minister's Retirement fund.

We urge all our pastors and churches to join in this plan at the earliest possible moment.

SYDNEY SMITH

A. S. JOHNSTON

JOHN S. MCINTOSH

HARVEY F. GARRISON

Committee on Ministers Retirement.

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## REPORT OF UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI B. S. U.

By Marian Leavell, Student Secretary

In an effort to reach the Baptist student at the University for spiritual development and active Christian life, approach was made through the various avenues of B. S. U. activities:

Enlistment for active church life was carried out in an intense plan of personal visitation in the dormitories, fraternity and sorority houses; frequent contacts by mail; a variety

of invitations to the church services and unit organizations; socials at the church and in the B. S. U. room; and by using students on church committees, as Sunday school teachers and officers, as B. T. U. leaders, as choir members, as ushers, and in special services of the church program. Much time was given by the pastor and the student secretary in personal conference with emphasis on conversion or consecration. Efforts are constantly being made to deepen the spiritual life of the students through organized Bible study, prayer groups and prayer-mates, and the study of the books, "My Covenant Series."

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1916	103,207.22			103,207.22
1917	117,330.95			117,330.95
1918	160,984.06			160,984.06
1919	200,004.11			200,004.11
1920	699,994.91			699,994.91
1921	539,303.29			539,303.29
1922	387,913.96			387,913.96
1923	475,216.45			475,216.45
1924	402,829.04			402,829.04
1925	330,057.42	32,349.92		362,407.34
1926	282,982.56	50,703.57		333,686.13
1927	275,146.78	41,730.88		316,877.66
1928	278,089.49	48,190.69		326,280.18
1929	217,014.98	96,839.41		313,854.39
1930	206,067.41	135,714.87		341,782.28
1931	141,097.15	119,390.31		260,487.46
1932	101,526.76	80,457.68		181,984.44
1933	65,528.73	37,730.75		103,259.48
1934	82,396.55	75,405.38		157,801.93
1935	81,293.56	100,885.02		182,178.58
1936	93,025.60	76,144.47	33,444.91	202,614.98
1937	100,415.24	73,584.20	31,807.36	205,806.80
1938	101,320.56	69,442.54	23,991.35	194,754.45
1939	103,920.72	59,741.21	17,178.87	179,840.80
1940	118,266.14	93,895.08	37,448.36	249,609.58
1941	132,401.88	221,914.10	76,737.35	431,053.33

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## A SPECIAL WEEK IN CALHOUN COUNTY

I left Calhoun City Friday night, October 17th, feeling that I had just finished one of the most glorious weeks of my experience.

Due to the courtesy, interest, and indomitable work of Brother Tom Siler I had led conferences in fourteen churches. Mr. Farmer through the untiring efforts of Brother Fernando Haire had conducted conferences in seventeen churches, making a total of thirty-one out of the forty churches of the association. Every class and department was registered. Besides this Mr. Farmer taught a fine class at Bruce in Intermediate Sunday School Work each night while I had an equally fine class at Calhoun City.

We found the finest spirit, an eagerness to know and do, and a co-operation that quickened our hearts and stirred our souls.

There were needs—real needs. The following were outstanding: vision, training, buildings repaired and refinished, blackboards, maps, grading, literature, Intermediate Counselor, workers, church pride, a feeling of definite responsibility, definite objectives, systematic visitation, standards adopted and used, and a great evangelistic program. However, some of these were being done before the week closed.

A crowd of high school boys in Calhoun City came over to the church at noon Friday and with the Intermediate superintendent, Mrs. J. H. Chrestman, and some of the teachers aided in rearranging and beautifying the Intermediate assembly room. As a result it was just about as attractive as anyone's assembly room. Of course, I was grateful and happy.

The Intermediate rally on Sunday afternoon thrilled my soul. There are only two full time churches in the association and yet there were around four hundred at the rally—and what a rally! Mr. Farmer deserves a world of commendation not alone for the rally but for the entire

## HUMAN WRECKAGE

Those who are indifferent about alcohol should spend a few days around a rescue mission and see the results first hand.

Men who have held good positions, men of culture and refinement once, fall victims before the strong power of drink.

Not long ago, one who was drunk was asked to leave the Mission. As he left, he slipped on the step, fell and hurt himself. When I came to him he was bleeding and vomiting. He was the worst sight I have ever seen, drunk and wallowing in his own blood and vomit. This man had undoubtedly held some much better place in society—he was once some mother's pure and lovable child. Human wreckage caused by liquor.

CLOVIS A. BRANTLEY,

Supt. Baptist Rescue Mission,  
New Orleans, La.

The teacher told the class to rewrite the following sentence using their own words, but retaining the original meaning:

"A wink is as good as a nod to a blind horse."

Here is the answer that one girl handed in:

"A spasmodic movement of the optic is as adequate as a slight inclination of the cranium to an equine quadruped devoid of its visionary capacities."

week's work as well as the state work he is doing. These Intermediate rallies have been surpassed by no other state.

Brethren Siler and Haire laid aside everything and gave themselves wholeheartedly to the week's work. In fact, we could never have held conferences in the thirty-one churches had it not been for their persistency and hard work.

It was a great week for which we are grateful.

MARY ALICE BIBY.

## BAPTIST REQUEST COMMITTEE

O. B. TAYLOR, Director

## REPORT OF DIRECTOR

To Baptist Request Committee:

The work of the Committee is being done from contributed funds of state and Southwide institutions as follows:

Mississippi College	\$ 300.00
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board	225.00
Blue Mountain College	225.00
Baptist Orphanage	225.00
Louisville Seminary	100.00
Fort Worth Seminary	100.00
Relief & Annuity Board	100.00
Sunday School Board	100.00
Baptist Hospital, N. O.	100.00

Total \$1,575.00

The understanding was that I was to give what time I could to the work; that from the contributed funds postage, stationery, printing, advertising, travel expense, secretarial hire, office rent were to be paid first and any balance would be paid to me for my services. All the expense except clerical and secretarial hire, office rent and compensation will consume approximately \$625.00, leaving \$950.00 for clerical help, office rent and compensation to me. The work was begun about December 1, 1940, and we contemplate continuing it under the present arrangement to January 1, 1942, a period of 13 months.

A general resume of the work which we have done is as follows:

1. Prepared and had printed 10,000 each of two tracts which have been sent by mail to all Baptist members; members of all Boards; to a selected list of lawyers from every county in the state; to some 400 persons who have been placed on our prospect list; to the clerks and moderators of all associations and copies for general distribution to the Baptist Bequest Committee Chairmen of the separate Associations.

2. Mailed three separate letters to every Baptist pastor in the state urging interest in the work.

3. Mailed two separate letters to the moderator and clerk of each Association.

4. Prepared a report for the Committee to be presented at each Association, and arranged for someone to present the report and speak to it.

5. Have engaged in the setting up of our organization which contemplates a Baptist Bequest Committee Chairman in every Association, which Chairman will definitely agree to:

(a) Secure names and addresses of all persons in the Association who are in position to make bequests to some one or more of our causes and institutions of \$200.00 or more.

(b) Give our office the names of all the Baptist lawyers in the Association, and confer with them and interest them in the program.

(c) Either themselves or arrange with the several pastors to see that an educational and informative address is made in every church in the Association; that talks are made before Women's Societies, Adult Sunday School classes and Boards of Deacons.

The organization is, now about 60 per cent complete, and correspondence is going on looking to completing the list of Chairmen for the Associations.

6. We have enlisted some of the Baptist leaders in writing special articles, and every two or three weeks one of the articles has appeared in the Baptist Record.

7. We have sent out three general releases, when matters having news

## PROGRESS AT BASSFIELD

In spite of the influences of the devil and his crowd, the work has moved along successfully down at Bassfield in South Mississippi. Located in Jeff Davis County in the midst of bootleggers and booze-heads, that we hope through the help of the Lord to blast off the face of the earth, Bassfield is a fine town full of fine people, some who love the Lord.

The pastor is happy to make the statement that last week the church paid \$1,087.50 toward alleviating the debt that has been hanging on God's house for such a long time. We are thankful for the fine spirit among the people and for the gifts they made. Also to the splendid group of deacons who raised the money under the leadership of Mr. Layone Hathorn.

God has blessed us during the past year and we are planning and looking ahead to still greater things in the year to come.

The pastor is serving two half-time churches, Bassfield and Bethany, and one fourth-time church, White Sand; all in Jeff Davis County. The work at both places has progressed nicely, for which we are grateful and thankful to God.

May the Lord use His children in a still greater way to face the emergency that confronts our nation that we love and hold so dear to our hearts, is the earnest prayer of this servant of God.

JOE W. HUDSON.

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## REPORT OF RAYMOND B. S. U. WORK

By R. L. Wallace, Pastor

B. S. U. work in Hinds Junior College is in the hands of the students, assisted by a Faculty Advisor and the pastors. The work is done through the B. S. U. Council, B. Y. P. U. at the college, Sunday School class at the church, the Y. W. C. A., Y. M. C. A. and daily prayer meeting. They observe religious emphasis week and join the church Sunday. Only a few of them move their membership here.

These organizations have good leaders and exert a good influence on the campus.

The pastor teaches a Bible class in the college two hours per week. The college gives credit for this. The Sunday School Board gave 92 awards for work done in the Old Testament last year.

interest have happened, to all the newspapers of the state. These articles have been generally used, and if paid for at advertising rates would have been in excess of \$1,000.00.

8. We used the tract, "Immortality of Money" as a paid page ad in the Baptist Record.

9. We made one trip over the state, covering six hundred miles for the purpose of getting Chairmen.

10. We have little to report in the way of wills actually written. People are secretive about their wills. We know of one will which makes a small request to Mississippi College, the maker of which will not permit his name to be given. We talked personally with one person who has indicated that he will make bequests to Blue Mountain College and to the Baptist Orphanage.

Respectfully,

O. B. TAYLOR, Director.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U.  
ATTENDANCE

November 9, 1941

Jackson First	1013	358
Meridian First	558	
Taylorville	122	
Ackerman	106	
Webb	65	
Pelahatchie	63	
Paden	48	
Cross Roads	55	
Greenwood Calvary	154	81
Strong River	17	
Louisville	386	
Bucatanna	48	
Bethany Meridian	83	
Ellisville	177	
Corinth	281	93
Springfield	85	42
Shiloh	137	
Crystal Springs	259	89
Bear Creek	38	19
Montevista	79	45
Jackson Calvary	1021	223
Griffith	740	326
Bethlehem-Jones	66	97
Jackson Griffith	740	326
Antioch-McCool	17	
Lucedale	110	
Paden	29	
Coffeeville	83	
Double Springs-Webster	61	
W. Corinth	125	
Bethany-Meridian	69	
Ellison Ridge	109	

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Jackson First	1109	411
Jackson Northside	167	64
Jackson Calvary	1103	272
Jackson Griffith	806	400
Meridian Highland	242	
Pelahatchie	61	
Water Valley	202	
Ellisville	227	
Tupelo Calvary	320	
Pine Bluff-Copiah	106	
Crystal Springs	328	109
Bear Creek-Attala	30	40
Springfield-Morton	151	76
Ovett	48	45
Ellison Ridge	137	
West Corinth	125	
Bethlehem-Jones	87	74
Cross Roads-Webster	73	
Coffeeville	102	
Lucedale	122	
Double Springs	65	
Bucatanna	42	
Eudora	74	73
Greenwood-Calvary	157	73
Louisville	362	
Parkway-Jackson	479	
Ackerman	115	
Strong River	16	
Brookhaven	531	158
West Laurel	598	186
Newton	267	106
Corinth First	274	101
Louisville, Oct. 5, 300; Oct. 12, 321; Oct. 19, 325; Oct. 26, 334; Nov. 2, 407.		

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PASTORS' AND LAYMEN'S  
CONFERENCE

Nearly two hundred messengers to the State Convention gathered in the First Baptist Church of Meridian on Monday night for the opening session of the annual Pastors' and Laymen's Conference.

An inspiring song service was conducted by Frank McDonald of the Highland Church of this city. "Jesus Saves" and "This is My Story" were sung and Dr. P. I. Lipsey led in an earnest prayer for God's leadership, not only in this conference meeting, but in the Convention which is to follow. This session was presided over by Owen Cooper, who introduced Billy Watson, a student in Mississippi College, who brought a splendid, appropriate devotional message, based on Gen. 2:7, "And God breathed into the nostrils of man the breath of life and man became a living soul." The theme of the session tonight was "Manpower," and in this opening message emphasis laid upon the truth that God in the creation of man endowed him with great possibilities and that man is responsible for the development of these possibilities, and in so doing the great task to which he has been assigned will be performed.

"Manpower" from a financial point was next on the program, presented by the relating of an experience as a father by three laymen—H. G. Barlord, from the Crystal Springs church; E. W. Young of Ellisville; Chas. T. Walters, Laurel, and one preacher, E. F. Graeser. The three laymen spoke from the individual standpoint, testifying to the truth that great joy comes in knowing that one is contributing as God requires. The preacher spoke from the standpoint of the church. The Eighth Avenue church of this city, of which Bro. Graeser is pastor, is now 78% tithers and the goal is to be the first 100% tithing church in the State.

Enlisting manpower through the Brotherhood movement was interestingly and helpfully discussed by E. D. Hurst of Laurel. Bro. Hurst raised and answered three questions: (1) Who should be enlisted; (2) Who should enlist, and (3) For what should they be enlisted. All want to be enlisted. All can be enlisted, the pastor is the agent of enlistment and the end of the enlistment is to support the entire program of the church, declared the speaker.

A special musical feature at this juncture on the program was a solo—"The Lord's Prayer"—by Mr. Edwin Schever, a soldier in uniform, from Ohio, whose presence in the Convention is noted. The talent displayed deeply impressed the assembly.

The annual conference sermon was preached at this time by Bro. I. E. Rouse, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Church of Hattiesburg, recently returned to Mississippi after several years sojourn in Kentucky.

The theme of the sermon was "The Dynamics of Manpower." It was an impassioned call to the recognition of God, His authority and to a discharge of the obligation man is under to Him.

## Second Day—Morning Session

With Bro. Robert Cranford of the Van Winkle church, Jackson, as the song leader, and Bro. E. F. Graeser at the piano, those in the auditorium at the opening hour engaged in sing-

ing some of the familiar songs, and Bro. G. O. Parker led in earnest prayer.

Of much interest to all was the first order of the morning's program—that of the work among the soldiers in camp in the state.

Bro. Fred Langley, a leader in this work, introduced Bro. Otis Perry, one of the two evangelists in the state, who spoke informingly of the religious work being done in Camp Shelby and in the other camps located in the state. The matter was further discussed by Bro. W. L. Day, from the standpoint of the work of the "Defense Worker." Bro. Day is qualified to speak on this by reason of having recently gone from Pascagoula where a large plant is located for the manufacture of defense necessities. While in Pascagoula Bro. Day had opportunity to observe the things needful in successfully carrying on this work and so gave first hand information.

The next order on the program was a consideration of "The College Student" or the work being done among the students in the colleges in the state, both state and denominational.

Dr. Frank H. Leavell, the Southwide Student Secretary, was scheduled to address the conference but failed to come. In his absence Bro. Owen Cooper spoke and proved a splendid "pinch hitter" for Dr. Leavell. In opening his address Bro. Cooper stated that "there are now 8,000 students in the colleges of the state and what the yare now doing on their respective campuses largely determines religious conditions among us in the years to come." The conclusion of this declaration is that it is of supreme importance that we see to it that right conditions be made to prevail among the college students.

"Our Colleges in Building the Kingdom" was the subject of a splendid address by Dr. D. M. Nelson, presi-

dent of Mississippi College. Surely none among us is better prepared to speak of student training and development than is Dr. Nelson. His address was out of long experience. Dr. Nelson declared that the majority of those who played the largest part in the founding of our nation were products of Christian colleges. He further said there are great difficulties confronting us in maintaining the nation and its high ideals than those confronting the founders. Thus proving the necessity of that training and development that comes only from the Christian colleges.

The live subject of "Our Debts" was the next up for consideration. "The Unpaid Balance" was assigned to Bro. Bryant Young of Sardis, but in his absence was discussed by Bro. H. T. McLauren. He urged the support of the Five Thousand Club, the agency for paying the debt of denomination in the state.

Bro. McCall brought an inspiring message on a debtless denomination by 1945, speaking only as few can do on this southwide goal of Southern Baptists.

During the business session the following officers were elected to serve during the coming year: Rev. Monte A. Davis, president; Waddell Valentine, vice-president; Fred Brookter, secretary.

The closing feature of the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference was a sermon on "Balancing the Ledger With God," brought by Rev. Madison Flowers, of Goodman, Miss. He emphasized that we must not withhold God's message from those who need to hear and that we must not keep in our pockets that which belongs to God.

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